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LIFE INSURANCE.

STATEMENT OF

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

F. S. WINSTON, President,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1873.

ANNUITY ACCOUNT.

	No.	Ann. Pay'ts.		No.	Ann. Pay'ts.
In force, Jan. 1, 1873	27	$13,278.00	In force, Jan. 1, 1874	27	$22,000.00
Granted	10	9,098.00	Terminated		6,278.00
	37	$28,376.00		37	$28,376.00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

In force Jan. 1, 1873	39,146	$264,891,899	In force, Jan. 1, 1874	40,416	$266,936,299
New Risks	12,415	46,549,800	Terminated	9,145	31,505,544
	94,561	$231,781,499		94,561	$281,151,499

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT. CR.

To Balance from last account	$ 56,074,494.31	By paid Death and Endowment Claims	$ 3,379,264.80
To Premiums received	17,518,269.30	By paid Annuities	21,432.00
To Interest and Rents	5,518,113.06	By paid Dividends	5,405,474.64
		By paid Surrendered Policies and Additions	4,667,389.59
		By paid Commissions (payment of current and extinguishment of future)	695,400.32
		By paid Expenses and Taxes	1,405,284.64
		Balance to New Account	62,303,157.38
	$77,726,468.37		$77,726,468.37

DR. BALANCE SHEET. CR.

To Reserve at 4 per cent	$ 51,140,784.22	By Bonds and Mortgages	$ 25,707,913.17
To Claims by Death, not yet due	622,628.34	By United States and New York State Stocks	5,957,268.00
To Unclaimed Dividends, due on demand	6,216.06	By Real Estate	1,859,422.36
To Premiums paid in advance	29,504.26	By Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest	3,224,961.84
To Surplus accrued on Tontine Policies	25,208.10	By Interest accrued	925,572.87
To Undivided Surplus	8,727,753.03	By Premiums deferred, quarterly and semi-annual	1,097,014.98
		By Premiums in transit, principally for December	121,312.19
		By Balances due by Agents	17,771.36
	$60,609,537.07		$60,609,537.07

From the Undivided Surplus a Divid end will be apportioned to each Policy which shall be in force at its anniversary in 1874.

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement, and find the same correct.

January 31st, 1874. ISAAC F. LLOYD, Auditor.

NOTE.—By recent act of the Trustees the membership of this Company is limited to one hundred thousand insured lives.

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The attention of the public is invited to those exquisite new Parlett Organs, put up in the style of case denominated "Imperial," a large assortment of which may now be seen at our Warerooms.

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Messrs. JULIUS BAUER & CO., corner of State and Monroe-sts. (in Palmer House), has just imported 1,000 BUNDLES of the above Musical Merchandise, direct from Paris, Austria and Germany, which can not be obtained elsewhere. PAGANINI STRINGS, for Violins, Guitars, Harps, &c., now in use by Theodore Thomas, the Mendelssohn Quintette Club, Carl Rosa, Camilla Urso, and all the leading artists.

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ONE GRAND CASH GIFT		$250,000
ONE GRAND CASH GIFT		100,000
ONE GRAND CASH GIFT		50,000
ONE GRAND CASH GIFT		25,000
ONE GRAND CASH GIFT		10,000
10 Cash Gifts, $10,000 each		100,000
20 Cash Gifts, 5,000 each		100,000
50 Cash Gifts, 1,000 each		50,000
100 Cash Gifts, 500 each		50,000
200 Cash Gifts, 400 each		80,000
100 Cash Gifts, 400 each		40,000
100 Cash Gifts, 300 each		30,000
100 Cash Gifts, 200 each		20,000
325 Cash Gifts, 100 each		32,500
11,000 Cash Gifts, 50 each		550,000
Total, 12,000 Gifts, ALL CASH, amounting to		$1,500,000

Which will be distributed on the 31st March among the ticket-holders in this magnificent scheme.

The announcement of a drawing on the day named is POSITIVE and FINAL, and it is hoped that all intending to purchase tickets will order promptly, that there may be no confusion or disappointment in filling orders. The object is a good one, the confidence of the public in the good faith of the management is thoroughly established, and the remainder of the tickets will all be sold by the time appointed for the drawing. All Agents are required to make their returns on the 30th March.

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Whole Tickets	$ 50	11 Whole Tickets for	$ 500
Halves	25	23 Whole Tickets for	1,000
Tenths, or each coupon	5	115 Whole Tickets for	5,00

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To Sleep Soundly and Wake Refreshed?

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That these things may be added unto you.

If, instead of waking tired and depressed, of sitting down to table loathing food, of resuming business as an irksome task, and returning home listless and irritable, you would rise as a giant refreshed with new wine, eat with zest and appetite, enter counting-room or office buoyant, elastic, ready for every demand, and have "something over" for the evening's enjoyment and relaxation, devote

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GENERAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

At a meeting of the undersigned, Coal Dealers of this city, it was unanimously voted that hereafter all Coal should be PAID FOR WHEN ORDERED, the object being to lessen expense of the business by dispensing with collectors, and to protect themselves from imposition by parties not deserving of credit.

Robert Law, Bird, White, Jones & Co., R. L. Hedstrom & Co., Rogers & Co., Boals & Co., Miner T. Ames & Co., Kelley, Morley & Co., Waldron, Niblock & Co., W. H. Johnson, Reno & Little, O. S. Richardson & Co., Dyer & Co., West, McGarty & Co., J. L. Hathaway, Harder & Hafer, Hartwell Bros., C. S. Hale & Co., Duguid & Creighton, John Griffin, O. W. Gest, W. H. & J. F. Olcott, Nelson Bros., J. Hanson, A. E. Cortiss & Co., Chester & Co., J. D. Stone, Voss & Snydacker, T. B. Evans, Neil Bros.

NOTICE.

After February 1, 1874, the premiums upon purchases of TAX CERTIFICATES, held by the city for city taxes of 1872 will be raised to 5 PER CENT.

Chicago, Jan. 20, 1874. S. S. HAYES, Comptroller.

FOR SALE.

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WASHINGTON.

The Butler-Kelsey Contract Business in the House.

Communication from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Important Facts Connected with the Case Withheld by Mr. Richardson.

An Imperative Demand for the Documents Likely to Be Made.

Gen. Butler's Motives Again Misrepresented by the Public Press.

He Entertains the House with a Narrative of His Wrongs.

A Committee Finally Secured to Investigate the District Government.

The amount he proposed to recover, or assist in recovering, was $150,000, claimed to be due for internal revenue taxes by certain corporations. He was to receive 50 per cent on the same conditions as other contractors.

A contract was made between William A. Richardson and John Clark, of Philadelphia, in September, 1872. Clark was to assist in recovering moneys belonging to the United States withheld by certain deceased persons' estates. The sum he alleged to be due was $87,000. He was to receive 50 per cent in full compensation for the gross sum collected.

BUTLER'S GRIEVANCE.

AND WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT IT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The most remarkable performance of the present session was Ben Butler's personal explanation to-day. When he announced his intention to make the explanation, there was at once manifested the most intense interest, and the members of the House, leaving their seats, flocked in droves about the bald-headed man with a grievance. They were, however, ordered back by the Speaker, and Butler proceeded. Usually, when he speaks, he says something. On this occasion he seemed to have lost his wits, and he maundered and babbled in a way that was surprising about things which were comparatively unimportant. He thoroughly disappointed those who listened to him, wondering of which of the many grave charges against him he was about to speak. He denied that he had been before the Ways and Means Committee on behalf of his friend Sanborn, and in a solemn manner called the attention of newspaper proprietors to the

CHARACTER OF THE MEN EMPLOYED BY THEM,

who would telegraph such lies to their papers. It is only fair to state that Benjamin Butler was entirely correct in saying that he did not appear before that Committee in that behalf, owing to the fact that the Committee have persisted in a foolish pretense at keeping their proceedings secret.

HIS REAL BUSINESS

on the occasion referred to was not correctly reported, but the statement was wrong only as regards the particular job in behalf of which he appeared. To make amends now, it may be stated that he appeared before the Committee to urge them not to take action in the way of recommending the bill to abolish the system of

PAYING MORIETIES TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS;

and, when he made his argument, he did so with the knowledge that he was then, and had been, the attorney of Special Agent Jayne, of New York, and that if Jayne's servitude in the way of moieties should be cut off, he (Butler) would loose some fat fees; so that the mistake was not so great a one after all. Change the name of the blackmailer and the description of the lines with which the blackmailing is done, and you have Benjamin Butler correctly, and sooth the feelings that have been wounded by a mistake as to which particular job he was defending before the Committee. The other part of his complaint

WAS EVEN MORE WORSE.

The statement that he was colluding to save Durell, in the face of the well-known facts that he has been working actively against the Durell faction, the charges that he was the hired tool of Durell, and Mrs. Durell are so ridiculously absurd as to need no sort of refutation. When he sat down there was an expression of astonishment and disappointment on the faces of his hearers, who had expected to hear something. If he had attempted to clear himself of the charge that he is interested, as he should not be, in having the Sanborn blackmailing job kept secret, he would have done something worth his while, and have justified the expectations of those about him. There are a great many like charges of the most serious nature hanging over him, which he lets vigorously alone. His whole speech was weak and shambling, and was only as bad as it was because it was personal. The members of the House pretty generally settled themselves in a gratified sort of a way, and looked up at the reporters' gallery in the beginning with an expression which indicated that they were in a proper frame of mind to enjoy the cat-hauling which the correspondents were about to receive. After the speech, the expression indicated that, if they were approached on the subject, they were prepared to deny promptly and emphatically that they had anticipated anything of the sort. Under the circumstances, it cannot but be thought that there lies something back of all this. It is not believed that Ben Butler would permit himself to deliver so thin a speech, if someone under him had a purpose other than that which he professed, and which is to be accomplished at some time in the future, and expectation will be on the alert until the country hears from him again. The game to-day was that of a common, raw 'cute player. That which is looked for will be of a master in the art. Butler can create a greater feeling of surprise and disappointment by not following up this matter in something to which it will pave the way, than he did by his

UNEXPECTEDLY CHEAP PERFORMANCE

of to-day.

DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

AN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE AT LAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The recommendation of the Senate, which had come to be sweeping, on account of the difficulty that has been experienced in securing a unanimous body to act with Boutwell and Thurman on the Committee to investigate the affairs of the District is relieved to-day by the appointment of Senator Allison, and the understanding that he will accept the duty. On all accounts it is a matter for congratulation that the trouble has been so admirably adjusted. Senator Allison is regarded as one of the purest men in public life, and, at the same time, one of the fairest and most conscientious, with ability and will to do his full share in such a work as is to which he is allotted. The duty which has been experienced in making up the Committee, is after all to be deplored, in view of the fact that Mr. Allison is considered for many reasons a much better man than those chosen before him. Frelinghuysen, who whitewashed Pomeroy; Conkling, who cannot be just in a matter where his feelings as a partisan are called into action; Morrill, of Maine, who is a good, easy soul, without great force. The Committee now stands, on the part of the Senate—Boutwell, Thurman, and Allison, and three better men could not be found if the body for the work. The strength of the Senate part of the Committee will go far to make up the weakness of the House part, which is strong only in having Wilson and Jewett as members.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE BANKRUPT BILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The Senate this afternoon put the finishing touches on the Bankruptcy bill, and adopted it as a whole, only ten Senators voting in the negative. Among the number Oglesby and Logan, of Illinois, the former under instructions from the Legislature of his State, and the latter from conviction. The bill must now go through the House, where its fate is doubtful.

LOUISVILLE & PORTLAND CANAL.

The Ohio River Commission appeared before the House Commerce Committee to-day, directing their efforts particularly to the Sherman, Louisville & Portland Canal bill pending before that Committee. The adoption of an amendment placing the canal in charge of the Secretary of War, instead of the Secretary of the Treasury, was secured. In all other respects the bill is acceptable to all parties, and the Committee agreed to take final action on it next Thursday.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Committee also authorized Mr. Bromberg, of Alabama, to report favorably to the House his bill constituting a National Board of Health of army and naval medical officers to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious diseases in the United States.

THE ARMY WORM.

By the terms of the bill for the reduction of the army, now under consideration in the House Military Committee, the number of regiments will be reduced by merging seven of the present organizations with the others. The supernumerary officers will not be mustered out as once unless they desire to be, but will be assigned as supernumeraries. In case, however, they desire to resign, they will be permitted to do so with a year's pay. The bill also provides that the beds of Military Bureaus, such as Quartermaster-General and Adjutant-General, after the present incumbents shall have resigned the position shall, not rank higher than Colonel, and that vacancies in the staff shall be supplied from the line, thus virtually doing away with the staff corps as a distinct organization. The bill, which was prepared by Gen. C. Colwert, will be brought to a vote in the Committee to-morrow if possible. Much determined opposition is manifested to it in committee, and the influence of the War Department against it is seriously felt, so that it is a matter of doubt whether a majority of the Committee will be found favorable to the measure.

PUBLIC LANDS.

The House Public Lands Committee to-day agreed to a bill introduced by Mr. Townsend, of Pennsylvania, providing for the appointment by the Secretary of the Interior of two special agents to act under the instructions of the Commissioners of the Land office. The duties of these special agents, who shall receive their expenses and a salary of not more than $2,500 a year each, shall be to see that the laws and regulations relating to the public lands are faithfully executed and complied with; to aid in the prevention, detection, and punishment of any frauds in relation thereto; to examine into the efficiency and conduct of Registers and Receivers of District land offices and Surveyors-General, their deputies and subordinates, and to instruct them in regard to their duties, and shall have power to exercise the books, papers, accounts, and records of each officer, and to administer the oath, and to summon persons to appear and testify before them, in relation to the same, and to report in writing to the Commissioners of the General Land Office, any neglect of duty, incompetency, or malfeasance in office, or on the part of any officer or employe charged with the administration of the public land laws, of which he may obtain knowledge, etc. Whenever any person shall refuse to comply with the terms of a summons issued in accordance with the provisions of this act, or shall refuse to testify under oath when summoned, the bill provides that he shall, upon conviction thereof before any District Court of the United States, pay a fine not exceeding $1,000, and suffer imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months; the act to take effect on the 1st of next July. The bill appropriates $10,000 for the next fiscal year to meet the expenses it involves.

[To the Associated Press.]

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The President has nominated for Postmasters:—Wm. W. Kurtz, Athens, Ohio; John C. C. Meakins, Sioux City, Iowa.

ASTRONOMICAL.

The Commission appointed by Congress to make arrangements for the observation of the transit of Venus, leave here early in April.

LEGAL-TENDERS.

Outstanding legal-tenders, $381,340,997.

NOT GUILTY.

The trial of Judge J. W. Wright, charged with Indian forgeries, was concluded to-day by a verdict of not guilty.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations: Thomas W. Osborn, of Illinois, Minister Resident to the Argentine Republic; Albert G. Cotwell, of Ohio, Consul at Ancona; T. M. Searight, Surveyor-General for Colorado.

BOSTON RELIEF BILL.

The Committee of Ways and Means to-day authorized Mr. Dawes to report the Boston Relief bill, each member reserving the right to debate the subject on the floor of the House. Mr. Burchard was authorized to offer an amendment including Chicago.

SILK INTERESTS.

A delegation of silk-importers was before the Committee of Ways and Means to-day, in opposition to increasing the duties on silks to 60 per cent.

JUDGE BUSTEED

was before the Sub-Committee of the Judiciary Committee at the taking of the testimony in the Busteed impeachment case.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.

CHARGES AGAINST THE UNION PACIFIC.

Mr. BOGY presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Missouri in regard to illegal charges made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Referred. In presenting the resolution, Mr. Bogy said he hoped the Judiciary Committee would give the subject early attention, and give a proper construction to the fact of Congress granting subsidies to that road.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. ANTHONY presented a petition from citizens of Rhode Island representing the National Banks, protesting against any legislation to diminish the volume of currency assigned that State. Referred.

Mr. WEST presented a memorial of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, asking for an appropriation to reopen the Mint at New Orleans. Referred.

Mr. GORDON introduced a bill to relieve the political disabilities of Raphael Semmes, of Alabama. Referred.

Mr. BAYARD submitted a resolution requesting the President to transmit to the Senate the information called for in the resolution of March 1, 1873, as to whether any officer of the United States army, on duty in South Carolina, used efforts to procure legislation in that State to compensate him for services rendered by him in the line of duty, and whether such officer was admitted to the Bar in that State and practiced his profession while holding a commission as an officer. Laid over.

Mr. STEWART submitted a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the Senate what time will be required, after the resumption of specie payment, to enable the Mints of the United States to manufacture enough silver coin to replace the fractional currency. Agreed to.

THE CENTENNIAL.

Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported without amendment the House bill requesting the President to extend, in the name of the United States, a cordial invitation to foreign Governments to take part in the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

ROAD BILL.

Mr. INGALLS introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Interior to appoint Commissioners to locate and open a road for military, postal, and commercial purposes across the Indian Territory from the mouth of the main Cashee River, in Texas, via Fort Cobb, Fort Sill, and Wichita, to the mouth of the Walnut River, in Kansas. The said road, including a belt of country five miles in breadth, should be kept open to the driving and transit of merchandise free from any charge forever. Referred.

CANAL BILL.

Mr. GORDON introduced a bill granting to the Atlantic & Great Western Canal Company currency notes to the extent of $60,000 per mile for each section of 10 miles of canal that shall be constructed, provided that the Company's first-mortgage forty-year bonds to an equal amount shall have previously been deposited with him as security for the Government. The currency so issued is to be redeemed by companies paying annually into the United States Treasury a sum equal to 6 per cent on the total amount issued. Placed on the calendar.

SILVER COINAGE.

Mr. JONES introduced a bill authorizing the coinage of 20-cent silver pieces. It proposes to make it a legal tender for a nominal value for an amount not exceeding $5 in any one payment, and applies to the new coin all existing laws relating to coinage alloyment or the counterfeiting of all other coins. Referred.

RESIGNATION.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate a communication from the Commissioner of Agriculture, in response to the Senate resolution of Jan. 26, 1874, indicating a report of George P. Marsh on irrigation. It was laid on the table and ordered printed.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. Boutwell's bill in regard to estimates, appropriations, etc., was reported by Mr. Sherman from the Finance Committee. It requires that the annual book of estimates shall include full statements of all permanent appropriations, both specific and indefinite, remaining in force; that the annual estimates for all appropriations for public works shall be accompanied by a detailed estimate of the entire cost of said works, and that a statement shall be furnished showing the total amount expended under each head of all appropriations during the preceding four years. It provides that the estimates for contingent or miscellaneous expenses shall not include salaries of any kind; makes it unlawful for any department of the Government to expend for the service of any one year any sum in excess of the appropriations for that year, or to involve the Government in any contract for the future payment of money in excess of such appropriations, unless authorized by some act of the Treasurer in case each eighth year, which is the year of Resurrection, he was at rest.

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Without any means of his own, except the salary he received from the Diocese, in all the journeys which he took hither and thither for Kemper Hall and the Cathedral, he bore his own expenses, and was giving to the work he loved the best, when God called him away, more than one-quarter of his episcopal salary. His heart, too, was full of anxiety and sorrow for the anxieties and sorrows of his clergy. He knew, as only a Bishop can know, the narrow means, the uncertain position, the difficulties which no man could remedy, and which needed the keener sympathy because they were irremediable; the children deserving and needing education, the sick, sorrowful and sorrow-stricken, the unequited labor, the silent cry which goes up to Heaven from many a clerical home, and pleads in the ear of God, and will cry aloud at the Day of Judgment, my brethren, for them of whom the Master has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." It was with such thoughts on his mind that, in the will I have previously quoted, he says to her whom he left there, he thought might be able to do some good for the Diocese: "If any one shall happen to propose a memorial institution, or building, or whatever else, for which money is to be raised, I trust that she will forbid and prevent the undertaking. If she should be able, by the gift of a sum of money, to set forward the work I have begun in our cathedral, or at Kemper Hall, I would be very glad, but I do not press upon her any obligation to do so. If, in addition to my books or a special fund, for which she became himself, without further accountability than to report to each Council the aggregate of receipts and expenditures,—all for the work of the church in the Diocese, or for charity in the city in need,—would be the first objects of my choice."

The spirit in which Dr. Armitage accepted the office of Assistant Bishop, is indicated in his letter of acceptance to the Standing Committee. He says: "Many and serious fears (and doubts have been mine since then (the election), not only in view of the sacred office itself, but because of the great province of your Diocese and of the standard of devout and unwearied labor in the Episcopate to which it has been used. These fears and doubts I cannot dismiss; and I obey your call, now that it has come to seem to be the call of God Himself, trusting that He will grant me grace to do the duty entailed, and that you will join me in continually praying for it, so that, in spite of all my insufficiency, I may be an instrument in His hands of building up the Church among you, for the salvation of many souls and to the eternal glory through Jesus Christ our Lord."

His Episcopal work is naturally divided into two portions,—his labors as Assistant Bishop, and the work which was properly Episcopal. They united in an Assistant Bishop in the American Church is one of the most difficult to which a faithful and earnest man can be called. An Assistant Bishop is a Bishop without a see. He is called to Episcopal work without the Canonical right to do it, except so far as the Bishop whom he assists may call him to do it. He has no rights and no duties in the Diocese, so far as the canons of the Church go, during the life of the Bishop he assists, except such rights and duties as may be committed to him. He might even see before him the sheep perishing for want of care, and yet be unable to give the care they needed. He might receive from his Senior Bishop all

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THE WISCONSIN BISHOPRIC.

Memorial Services for the Late Bishop Armitage.

Commemoration Sermon by the Rev. Dr. DeKoven.

He Sketches the Life and Career of the Deceased Bishop.

Striking Comments on the History of the American Episcopal Church.

Text of the Memorial Declaration Adopted.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 10.—The commemoration services in connection with the late Bishop Armitage were held at the Episcopal Cathedral this evening, and listened to by a full assembly of divines from every part of the State. The following is the sermon, preached by the Rev. Dr. DeKoven, from the text:

Then came the sons Shesbazzar and laid the foundations of the House of God, which is in Jerusalem; and since that time, and even until now, hath it been in building, and still it is not finished.—Ezra, v., 16.

After some preliminary remarks, especially pertinent to the text, Dr. DeKoven proceeded to sketch the life of the late Bishop

WILLIAM EDMOND ARMITAGE.

William Edmond Armitage was born in the city of New York, Sept. 4, 1820. At the age of 10 years he was made a member of God's Holy Church by baptism, in St. John's Church, Brooklyn, of which the Rev. Evan M. Johnson was at that time the Rector. He was connected with the Sunday-school of the same church for several years as pupil, Librarian, teacher, and Assistant Superintendent, and in it, by the grace of God, he was confirmed and received first communion. Guided through his school life by the loving teaching of his uncle, Mr. Daniel P. Bacon, he entered Columbia College at the earliest age the statutes of that institution permitted, and graduated with honor in the classical course at the age of 19.

From early youth he had determined to devote himself to the holy ministry, and thus grew up with the shadow of the priesthood over him. His therefore, introduction into his profession, entered the General Theological Seminary in the City of New York, and, after three years of careful preparation, was ordained Deacon, by Bishop Chase, of New Hampshire, in the Church of the Annunciation, in the early summer of 1843.

Called this same year to assist the venerable Dr. Burroughs, at St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H., he passed his Diaconate and the first year of his priesthood there and at St. Mark's Church, Augusta, in Maine. It was in the latter place that, on the Feast of St. Andrews, in 1850, he married Charlotte Louisa, daughter of Mr. Allen Lombard, of Augusta. It was during the residence there in Maine that he came under the influence of the amiable, devout, and learned Dr. Burgess, the first Bishop of that diocese, who ordained him to the priesthood in September, 1844. He was wont to speak with loving gratitude of the personal holiness and untiring industry of one whom many still remember with love and honor.

It was in October, 1850, that he became the first Rector of St. John's Church, in the City of Detroit. The Chapel and Rectory had already been built by the earnest efforts of Mr. H. P. Baldwin, the founder of the parish. It was his, with the same co-operation, to complete the work in the parish. A parish church was formed, unequaled in the West for faithful labor, for perfect organization, for varied societies for parochial work, for a devout, reverent, and well-ordered congregational worship for numerous and well-trained communants; and a noble parish church, which in stateliness, noble proportions, and convenient arrangement, was at once the expression of the idea of his work and the instrument by which it was founded. It still endures, with its multiplied members of faithful communicants, with an ever developing organization, and a fuller realization of the worship of the Church, a witness of the fruitful seed he planted, and of the blessing of God upon his cares, and the labors of them that have succeeded him. It was in this church that on Dec. 6, 1852, he was consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God by the Bishops of the West, on Dec. 11, 1873, in the midst of fathers, brethren, and children, with blended joy and weeping,—weeping for ourselves, joy for a life well spent and a work nobly done,—the funeral office was said.

For seven years in Detroit and the Seminary he was preparing for Holy Orders. The first seven years of his ministry he spent in New Hampshire and Maine. For seven years as a priest at the altar of St. John's Church, Detroit, he "watched for souls as one who must give account." For seven years as a Bishop of the Church of God, he wielded the "Pastoral staff and Keys of Heaven;" and when the morning probe of the eighth year, which is the year of Resurrection, he was at rest.

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the necessary authority to do all that was necessary, and yet in certain functions of his office be unable to accomplish all that he would wish to do; because, after all, power had been delegated; he would still be not Bishop of the Diocese, but Assistant Bishop.

That the office has been so worthily filled, and with such admirable results, has only served to lessen the feeling against it, and to postpone the legislation which is sure at some future day to place the necessary office of a Coadjutor Bishop on its proper foundation.

But the Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin, in 1866, seems, as we look back upon it, like none other. The venerable Father, the saintly Bishop, the ardent missionary, the loving pastor, whose kindly government and breadth of intention so all who would work, strengthened by time to his weakness, and, as the years go by, shine brighter and brighter as the strength of God. To uphold his hands, to aid him to wield the pastoral staff, to carry on and perfect the work he had begun, this was indeed a blessed labor. And such he found it to be. With a father's counsel, and a father's prayers, on the one side, and a loving heart and affectionate reverence on the other, the two Bishops worked together until, on the 31st day of May, 1871, amid the assembled throng whom love and reverence had brought together, the venerable Bishop was committed to his rest in the quiet church-yard at Nashotah.

It was the legitimate result of Bishop Armitage's labors, as an Assistant Bishop, that he should have undertaken, with all the energy of his nature, to build permanent foundation of a school for girls at Kenosha, to be known as Kemper Hall.

How remember the enthusiastic ardor of the Council in which it was begun. You remember the laborious journeys, the personal solicitations, the persevering efforts of the Bishop. You are aware, though possibly all do not realize, the sacrifices which has cost for the work. The buildings gradually improved, and furnished with loving care, in order to give to girls all that the most beautiful home can offer. The admirable corps of teachers under the guidance of the Bishop, to whom much of the success of the school is due. The ever-increasing number of scholars, making the effort a success financially; the well-ordered discipline, the proper seclusion, the gentle nurture, the earnest religious influence; all these are making Kemper Hall, within and without, a noble monument of the first Bishop of Wisconsin.

No better testimony of all this can be given than the fact that in the will I have already quoted, the Bishop commits his only child, should she be spared to him, to the care of his well-beloved Kemper Hall. May God of His goodness prosper it.

CHURCH HISTORY.

And now that I come to speak of the Episcopal work, I must crave your kind indulgence if I dwell for a while upon some points of the history of the Church, without which I cannot read his life, and in the light of which it seems to me more than an ordinary life.

It was on the 14th of May, 1607, that the first religious celebration by a priest of the Church of England took place in America. It was administered by the Rev. Robert Hunt, upon the shores of the James River, in Virginia, only fifty-six years before the 14th of November, 1784, 177½ years afterwards, that the first Bishop of the American Church was consecrated, at Aldershot, England.

It was on the 4th of February, 1787, two and a half years later, that Bishops White and Provost were consecrated at Lambeth by the Archbishop of Canterbury. During this long interval of nearly 180 years the Episcopal mission was without administration or an ordination in its soil, and without a Bishop. Nay, it is said, that of those who sought the priestly office from the mother country, one in five perished by the way. Nor was this the only hinderance to its growth. Letters and memorials supply, for a whole century at least, a connected chain of entreaties and supplications of the most heart-rending character. "We perish! We die! they write, "for want of the ordinances." With compassion toward this country to the taking away our reproach amongst the enemies of the Church." "It seems the strangest thing in the world," they say, "and it is thought history cannot parallel it, that any place which has received the words of God so many years should still remain altogether in the wilderness, as sheep without a shepherd."

In the year 1768 a clergyman writes from New Haven, that "near twenty young men went out as Bachelors of Arts from the college, all, or most of whom, would gladly have accepted Episcopal ordination, if we had been so happy as to have had a Bishop in America." Nor was this altogether without response from England. Charles II. went so far as to consent to the appointment of a Bishop in Virginia. Bishops like the great Butler, Bishop of Durham, and Secker, who presided for 24 years over the Archbishopric of Canterbury spent seven years of his life in his endeavor to found a college in the Bermudas, and resided for three years in Rhode Island. Two missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel resided within the limits of Connecticut. It is said, from a last-going Bishop, and by pious prayers, have confirmed and ordained, until the Government put a stop to their efforts. All this, too, took place when, in the year 1761, a convention of the widely popular, and, in the view of many religious denominations on the Continent of America, transmitted to the Bishop of London, showed that nearly one-fourth of the whole, at least nominally, belonged to the Church of England. Verily, our venerable mother Church, shall we have to tread and root to the stake, was compelled to treat her children with something of step-dame's art."

If the seventy years of captivity produced such baneful effects upon the Jewish people, might not days as these, when the Church was in a spiritual destitution, might have produced a marvelous influence upon the American Church? Was it any wonder, at any rate, when the political complaint on the part of the colonies was ripened and ripened into the difficulties of the question, that the lower branch of the Legislature of Virginia, a great majority of whom would have termed themselves Episcopalians, should have chastised certain "Episcopal Clergymen" for their loyal and well-timed opposition to the pernicious project for introducing an American Bishop?" Was it surprising that when the Church of South Carolina gave its consent to the consecration of the first Bishop, it was with the understanding that there should be no Bishop in South Carolina (Bishop White's Memoirs, p. 94)? Is it any wonder that the first Bishop of South Carolina never ventured to be seen publicly in the robes of his office? Was it marvelous after all, great sin as it was, that John Wesley, in the year 1784, before the consecration of Bishop Seabury, should have felt himself called to ordain Dr. Coke and others of the two Methodist Superintendents on the ground that there was no Bishop in North America? Was it wonderful that the prayer-book proposed at such a time, but rejected, should have solicited the rational, and not irrational, criticism, and, further, that such an evil thing? Ought we to be surprised that it should have left out the creed of Universal Christendom, that of Athanasius the Apostolic Creed; that it should have denied the power of holy days, and, in the interest of latitudinarianism, cut off from its articles the chief protests against Roman error. If men can be found in our day to accept all this, and, in the face of wondering Christendom, apparently not knowing in the least what they are doing in the interest of Evangelical religion, actually to give up what all Evangelical men would rather die than lose, is it marvelous that the Church then should, in a short space, have made choice of such men, not only to reject, but, does it not fall on us, not with surprise, but with loving gentleness and theme for fervent praise, that to-day, in spite of all this, by the grace of Almighty God, and through His providence, that the gates of hell should not prevail against the Church, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the long array of Bishops and priests proclaim "the one Lord, the one Faith, and the one Baptism;" to them that sit their way to Him with their faces thitherwards.

And yet, though eighty-five years have passed since 1784, of the outward organization of the Church, it may be said, "Still it is not finished." We have been struggling under ill-defined organization with the heritage of a neglect to nearly two centuries of actual neglect. The Church herself, full of the spirit of her Lord, has been struggling to be free. And it is indeed a sign of the times, my brethren, that even now the Bishop of New York, with the general approbation of churchmen of all views, has expressed the sense and need

For a Constitutional Convention, to consider the necessary changes in the organization of the Church.

Four things the Church in all ages has deemed necessary to the

BISHOP'S TRUE WORK AND POSITION.

First, his selection by the people over whom he is to preside; second, his due ordination to the office of a Bishop by those who have the right to convey the holy gift; third, his proper residence, that he may be a Shepherd, a Father, a Guide, a Preacher of Righteousness, a Head, and a Governor; fourth, the due subordination of the Bishop to the Bishops of the province of which he is a member, that he should approve to be a wolf and not a shepherd, a tyrant and not a Head, the sheep of the flock may be protected. Of these, the second—namely, the due ordination and consecration—is now secured to us in the person of a Bishop; but the other three are necessary to the perfecting of his work. Of the four, the Armenian Church as its organization fully provided for the most important one, and will, some defects for the others also. Those defects which naturally resulted from the history I have briefly recorded, have at various times occupied the thoughts and the care, and the labors of the members of the Church. Almost two of these years are spent in the works on the North Side are so far from the South Side that the lower portions of the latter section cannot have that pressure which the new works will give, and which it is the desire of the Company to supply.

The work on the new buildings, which necessarily require a vast amount of detail in their construction, will be so far completed by October next as to permit of the supply of 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

A False Report.

In speaking of the late fire in Cleveland, Ohio, we notice that several of the papers of that and other cities have stated that the Penn Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia was a loser to the extent of $25,000. Messrs. George P. Treadway & Co., the agents of that popular Company, hand us the following letter from the Insurance office, which completely refutes this false statement:

"OFFICE OF PENN FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 6, 1874.

Messrs. George P. Treadway & Co.:

GENTS: We notice that some wise exponent of the Board companies has reported that the Penn sustained a loss of $25,000 in the late fire in Cleveland. In place of losing $25,000 as falsely reported, the Penn did *not lose a dollar* in that fire.

Yours respectfully,
"M. RYAN WARNER, General Manager."

We need only add to this positive refutation that had the Penn sustained the loss claimed by her enemies, it would have been promptly paid without in any way affecting her perfect solvency, as the last statement made, Jan. 1, 1874, showed available assets of over $400,000.

Pacific Hotel Ball.

Conspicuous among the costumes at the Pacific Hotel ball, last evening, were several which from their unique beauty and artistic finish appeared to have been recent importations from Worth or Pingat. It was with infinite pity that we learned that they were from the atelier of Sharmley, who has really proved himself the Worth of Chicago.

clouds are lifted, and then forever descending, and a New Jerusalem like a bride adorned for her husband. Then two are blended into one. The gold is pearl; the pearl is pure gold; the crystal water shine; the Tree of Life, in full of leading leaves. There is no weary contraversy, or bitter words, or cruel wrongs, or mistakes, or mistaken divisions. There are hymns that know no discord, worship that never ceases, praise that never ends, and the Lamb of God to be our joy and peace for ever and ever.

After the regular services there was a meeting of the clergy and laity, at which was adopted the following

MEMORIAL DECLARATION:

This assemblage of churchmen of the Diocese of Wisconsin, meeting at the call of the Ecclesiastical authority, desire to record an expression of the great loss we sustain in the recent death of William Edmund Armitage, late Bishop of this diocese. The Church could lose no laborer more diligent and self-denying; no servant honoring his Master by a more holy life; no teacher more sound in doctrine; no pastor whose care for his flock was more tender, no Bishop more vigilant in his Episcopal oversight; no counsellor whose advice he had forgot the great trust then assumed, and never ceased to consider how he might best execute it. The plans which he meditated to the glory of God, he worked out with devoted energy and unfaltering faith. Whatsoever encountering trouble, trouble heard him, what griefs wounded him he told to none, and but few knew; but we are witnesses that the way he trod was rough and narrow, and sharp the thorns that pierced his feet. Yet though wearied, was not disheartened; repelled, he did not turn back; pained and sick at heart, he took fresh courage from the example of his Savior and again pressed onward. He spared no labor and no sacrifice in the kingdom of his Lord could only be secured. In order to cultivate every part of the broad field of which he was overseer, he sought to create a system by which such cultivation should be possible. He wished not only to develop but to people. While he encouraged the parishes to be severed, he labored with the feeble with the end in view that the head was as needful to the body as the body to the head. He encouraged, aided, all invigorated the work undertaken for the Church in all parts of the diocese, at the same time guiding it in unity of purpose to a common end. Not strong in physical constitution, he spared himself too little. He gave to his duties his brain, his heart, his strength, his life; and that he had he poured into the Lord's treasury. He was at times oppressed by the greatness of his task, and his features were often shaded by sadness. In his latter years the delicacy of his physical and mental organization became so evident as to cause him to anticipate foreboding of the end of his days. It impressed you that the soul was frettings at the confinement within the earthly tabernacle. Its light shone through the worn frame, and you could hear the feeble, monotonous tones of his fainting voice, but the feeble, monotonous tones bore evidence of great nerve force, enhanced their effect, and gave full and even pathetic expression to every thought. A tender sentiment and spiritual power seemed to breathe from his every word, even common place remarks, and filled each word with a thrilling tone, His was a persuasive eloquence. Noble and dignified, yet glowing with love for men and a zeal for their welfare which would not be denied, a logical style, yet style which the heart could not resist and his every appeal, the pathetic terms sensitively responding to every shade of feeling, the benignant countenance, graven with lines of care and thought, wonderfully expressive, the portraiture of the high and holy purposes he cherished, and which he strove to attribute to the feebleness of St. John, the beloved Disciple. The form so fitly adorned in Episcopal robes will abide in our memories and quickens, as we recall them, the times of our hearts, until their last day cease to beat. In private life he was greatly beloved. There was in him a peculiar gentleness, a thoughtful regard for others, a genial heartiness of speech and manner, a bright humor, a quick appreciation, a wide intelligence which carried constant and varied charms to his society. Nature had stamped him thoroughly a gentleman, and a refined and Christian training threw over them the mantle of its most elegant graces. He never spoke discourteous words, and towards his rudeness would have been brutal. Among his well-beloved friends, in the warmth of intimate social intercourse, how did he love to unbend and expand how did his kindly heart, his intellect, seem and well-informed, pour out their treasures, delighting and enriching all hearers, and his expressive countenance radiate the pleasure shading within his soul. And in his more cheerful, sanguine, inspired, and his exhilarating tone displayed and imparted to others courage needed for long labors and many trials. An esteemed citizen, a faithful laborer, our honored Bishop, our dear friend, a pure soul, has gone home and left us to mourn. He is relieved from duty; resting from his labors, he dwells in the peace of God. We do not sorrow without hope. Let us wipe away the tears for our loss, for it is his gain, and with the Church that sorrow in our hearts, and follow, as best we may, that sterling example. We shall pay to him the most fitting honors, those which he would have chosen, if we go on with his work, serve truly as the Gospel which he taught in golden unity and adorned by a holy life.

CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

After the memorial declaration, the memorial minutes of the various Episcopal societies in the United States were read, and the congregation dispersed. The assemblage was the largest and most fashionable seen within the walls of the Cathedral for years.

THE ELECTION.

Opinions as to the result of the election are guarded. The impression is expressed that the clergy will vote almost as a unit for Dr. De Koven, but that the lay delegates, who number two to every clergyman, are divided, many of them being strongly wedded to the idea that the Bishop should come from the East, which has done so much to build up this diocese.

THE NEW GAS-WORKS.

Yesterday's *Post and Mail* contains the following description of the new gas-works to be erected by the South Side Company, on Cologne street, near the canal, contracts for a portion of which will be let next week.

On the east end of the Cologne street property a brick and iron building, 275 feet long and 70 feet wide, will be erected the present year. Under this large structure will be the washer and condenser-rooms, limestone, purifying-house, meter-room, and office. Adjoining this building, and extending from east to west, there will be constructed a retort-house of brick, iron, and slate, 600 feet long by 60 feet wide. It will contain room enough for 144 benches, each containing five and possibly six retorts. At present forty-eight benches will be built, capable of manufacturing 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day. In the rear of the retort-house, a building 125 feet long by 40 wide will be constructed, and contain the boiler-room, exhauster-room, and blacksmith and machine-shops. The retort-house is 190 feet back of Cologne street, and the space thus left in front will be used for the storage of coal in sheds, which will be reached by a railroad track. Coal will be yarded on the river frontage, in a space 196 by 500 feet. All the buildings will be constructed in first-class style, and the property about them improved. When the gas is made in the way works, and after passing through the various courses of purification it will pass through a 24-inch main, for the distance of a mile, to the gas-holder to be constructed on the corner of Halsted and Thirty-first streets. At present but one of four of these gasholders will be built, but that one will have capacity for 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The largest holder now in use in this city has capacity for 600,000 feet. Excavations are already in progress for the tank which is to contain the holder. The former is to be 50 feet deep and 153 feet in diameter. The wall will be of brick, four feet thick at the bottom and tapering gradually as it ascends. The bottom of the tank will be cemented, unless a good bed of clay can be found, in order to make it water-tight.

In the tank a telescopic gasholder, 50 feet high by 150 in diameter, will be placed, constructed of wrought iron, with iron columns, etc. This holder will be the receptacle for the gas, and is designed to give the necessary pressure. The feasibility of enclosing the tank and holder in a large building, to protect it from cold and stormy weather, is now being considered, and Mr. T. P. Burtis, the Superintendent of the Company, has gone to Albany to make inquiries and observations concerning the matter. The tank and holder will cost about $100,000.

From the holder the gas will be distributed through a 20-inch main, extending along Thirty-first street to the Michigan avenue connections, a 16-inch main through the streets to Oakwoods, and a 12-inch main through the streets to Cottage Grove avenue. The distance from the works on the North Side are so far from the South Side that the lower portions of the latter section cannot have that pressure which the new works will give, and which it is the desire of the Company to supply.

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WISCONSIN.

The Railway Question in the Legislature.

Bills to Regulate Charges.

Argument of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.

Injurious and Unjust Effects of Pro-Rata Bills.

The following argument was yesterday read before the Judiciary Committee of the Wisconsin Assembly by J. W. Midgley, Esq., on behalf of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, having special reference to the Henderson pro-rata bill now pending:

To the Honorable, the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin:

On behalf of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, I respectfully submit a few considerations why the several bills affecting railroads, and particularly Assembly bill No. 28, To Regulate Railroads in the State of Wisconsin, should not become law.

The disposition to regulate railroads is not a new manifestation. It began with the inception of the system. Through all the years intervening, wherever railroads have been run, Legislative control has been variously attempted. The ablest minds in Europe and America have vainly wrestled with the problem; and, in the light of universal failure, it can be demonstrated that a rigid formula would compel the railroads of the times to carry at absolute loss, while it would also preclude their exercising that discretion in rates demanded by the fluctuations of trade, which is an essential element of commercial law.

UNEQUAL MILEAGE RATES.

The principle of charging for each class of passengers and freight in proportion to the distance carried sounds very plausible; but a Select Committee of the British Parliament, after thoroughly investigating the question, so recently as last year, came to the deliberate conclusion that "to impose equal mileage on the companies would be to deprive the public of the benefits of much of the competition which now exists, or has existed, to raise the charges in many cases where the companies now find it to their interest to lower them; and to perpetuate monopoly in carriage, trade and manufacture, in favor of those routes and places which are nearest or least expensive, where the varying charges of the companies now create competition.

"And it will be found that the supporters of equal mileage, when pressed, often mean, not that the rates they themselves pay are too high, but that the rates that others pay are too low. Pressed by these difficulties, the proposers of equal mileage have admitted that there must be numerous exceptions, e. g., where there is water competition; where lower rates for long distances will bring a profit; or where the article carried at a low rate is a necessity, such as coal."

"It is scarcely necessary to observe," continue the Committee, "that such exceptions as these, while inadequate to meet all the various cases, destroy the value of equal mileage as a principle or the possibility of applying it as a general rule."

Ohio has particularly distinguished herself in special enactments, with what success may be inferred from the State Railroad Commissioner's report in which he says: "Speaking of the nine years' trial to tariff positions for the transportation of passengers and freight, he pronounces these intended benefits "the most fruitful source of complaint;" and, of one existing law, he remarked that its strict enforcement would "oblige some companies ultimately to suspend business, prohibit the transportation of certain articles by rail, or compel their transportation below actual cost."

JUST DISCRIMINATION.

The proposed bill, while it prohibits unjust discrimination, yet discrimination. Circumstances and conditions daily arise under which it is eminently fair to all that discrimination should be allowed. The man who buys a bale of cloth gets it at a cheaper rate than the man who buys a yard. If this recognized principle is sound, should it not equally apply to transportation? The man who ships a train-load of freight is certainly entitled to a lower rate than the man who merely offers a car-load. Or even the distance, however, is a factor. Were the full cargo destined to a point only three or four miles distant, and the car-load 300 miles, the case would be different; because, transportation can be conducted 100 miles much cheaper, per mile, than for ten miles, provided all other things are equal.

The farther west we go, the less travel and freighting is given. For the five twenty-five miles out of Milwaukee, the passenger-cars of the St. Paul Company are crowded; thereafter, the passengers thin out, and cars are dropped off. But the cost of hauling the lighter trains, per mile, is only a trifle less than on the heavy "runs." Yet the proposed bill would compel railway companies to carry passengers at the same price on branches of their road where there is seldom one car load, never more than two, as upon their main through lines where, on account of there being more passengers, they can well be carried at less cost per passenger. This would force the companies to extort from main line passengers compensation for work done for branch line patrons.

Reference is frequently made to the two cents per mile rate on the New York Central Railroad. That line is dotted with populous cities its entire length, which yield it such an enormous traffic that it can better afford to take passengers at the low figure than any Wisconsin Railroad can at double the rate. Similar conditions enable leading Western roads to carry passengers at less cost on their main lines than upon their branches.

Should this bill become law, the companies will be obliged to run a less number of trains on their branch roads, and thus incommode the public; for, it is plain, people must go without what they will not pay for.

ADVANTAGES OF DISCRIMINATION.

Sec. 3 declares it unjustifiable to discriminate on account of any competition whatever. Suppose the rate on grain from Sparta to Milwaukee is 15 cents per bushel, that 4 cents per bushel is the profit over and above the actual expense of transporting the grain, and that this amount is only just enough to pay a reasonable return upon the Company's investment. Further west, on the same line, at La Crosse, there is a powerful competitor—the Mississippi River—upon which lumber and grain are floated to St. Louis. The river fixes the rate at which transportation shall be done. Having no expensive track to maintain, the steamboats, with their capacious barges, can move cheaper than any railroad can, but not so cheap as to leave no profit whatever to the railroad if it carries freight at the rate thus fixed by the river. Is it not clearly better for the people of Sparta, or any intermediate station, that the Company should take the produce and merchandise from LaCrosse to Milwaukee at a profit of 1 cent, or even ½ cent per bushel (provided that is the largest profit the rate fixed by the river will allow) and thus be enabled to do the local traffic a trifle cheaper than it could otherwise, were the whole burden of paying the interest on the cost of the road thrown upon the local business? Were all the business to be done on the low basis of the river rates, the railroads could not be maintained; nor would any one have been rash enough to build them had they expected to do all at the river prices. It was just because there was no navigable river running across the State; that it was almost unoccupied until the railroads were built.

If the companies are not to be permitted to get from the river business what profit they can, under existing circumstances, there seems no other way than to forego it, and let the local tariff pay all the expenses of the road. This may evoke the query: "How is it, if you can afford to do a particular item of business at a low rate, you cannot afford to do all at the same price?" Precisely for the same reason that a farmer cannot afford to have a bad crop on every acre of his land, though it would not seriously affect him to have a bad crop on one acre, if there were many acres of good crops; and he would generally prefer to have a bad crop on the one acre rather than have no crop at all.

GROSS EARNINGS—WHAT THEY DO NOT INDICATE.

The pro rata plan wholly ignores the question of speed, which is the essence of expense. The admitted rule is, that the cost of transportation increases as the square of the velocity. Thus, a speed of ten miles per hour would be equal to 100, twenty equal to 400, and fifty equal to 2,500. In all measures hitherto proposed, this startling difference in the cost of moving trains, being as 10 to 1 between an express and an accommodation train, has been wholly ignored, perhaps never thought of.

The justice of the vital principle was recognized in a special act of the British Parliament, one section of which provides "that it shall be lawful for the Company to charge any sum they think fit in respect of the carriage of passengers conveyed by first-class trains appointed to travel at a speed not being less than twenty-five miles an hour, including stoppages."

Motive power is another leading item of expense. This is largely dependent upon the character of the roads. If fuel is abundant, the operating expenses are correspondingly reduced. But if, as in the case of this Company, there are no coal mines and few available forests within reach of its lines, the cost, which constitutes 20 per cent of the operating expenses, this heavy difference against Wisconsin roads ought to be taken into account. But the bill under consideration does not recognize the slightest difference in the relative cost of operating various parts of the same railroad. Upon some divisions of the Northwestern Road wood costs the Company $2.50 per cord, and upon others, $6 per cord; while in Minnesota the prices range as high as $6.50 per ton for coal, and $2.50 to $3.75 per cord for wood.

THE COST INCREASES AS EARNINGS DECREASE.

Some roads, like our Madison Extension, have heavy grades, upon which engines of the largest capacity cannot haul more than ten or fifteen cars at a time, while the same engines, on the other lines, could easily draw fifty or sixty car loads. The conditions in this case are the same as in teaming. Every farmer knows the relative difference between hauling a heavily-loaded wagon upon a smooth, level turnpike, and upon a rough, hilly road.

Another fundamental principle of cheap transportation is, that expenses are lessened as the volume of freight increases. To forward a single letter, by special messenger, to California, would cost hundreds of dollars; but, deposited in the Government mails, 3 cents pays for its transportation. This cheap service is possible, because, simultaneously, a like service is performed for thousands of other patrons. Freight transportation is subject to the same law. Does any one murmur because the Government carries one man's letter to San Francisco for 3 cents, while another is charged as much for a letter carried four or five miles? What matters it how cheap one man's letter is carried so long as mine is taken at a reasonable rate? And, if the rule holds good in regard to letters, why should it not apply to property transportation, which is subject to the same law?

DISTANCE AS A CONTROLLING PRINCIPLE.

The outcries against discrimination grow out of the popular error that distance is the only controlling element in adjusting tariffs. The bubble of discontent was pricked years ago in Europe. The British Parliament disposed of it in the Railway Clauses Consolidation act, by declaring it expedient that the railway companies should be enabled to vary the tolls upon the railways so as to accommodate them to the circumstances of the traffic, and pronounced it lawful for the companies "from time to time to allow or charge the tolls either upon the whole or any particular portions of their railways, as they shall think fit." The people still harboring the belief that unequal rates were unreasonable, a Royal Commission, in 1867, investigated the subject in all its bearings, and reported that "inequality of charge in respect of distance, besides being a necessary consequence of competition, is an essential element in the carrying trade; that is to say, the price of goods which pay for the use of railways in France, submitted by the Assistant Secretary of the British Department of the Board of Trade, the following pertinent reference is made: "The question of differential rates has, in former times, been much debated and opposed in France; but it is now so generally recognized and adopted as to be beyond the range of discussion. No one would, at the present moment, seriously entertain a proposal to enforce equal mileage rates throughout the country."

NECESSITY OF FLEXIBLE TARIFFS.

Established lines are sometimes compelled, by sound policy, to hold their business by doing it at a positive loss for a time, trusting to the future for remuneration. Such a contingency arose in the early summer of 1869, on the Upper Mississippi. A powerful combination endeavored to divert the vast wheat trade from Milwaukee and Chicago to St. Louis and New Orleans. For a short time wheat was carried across the State at less than cost. The combination was defeated, and the business resumed its former uniform channel. Had the bill under advisement then been law, the Wisconsin railways could not have held the traffic, and it must have been diverted down the river, beyond the reach of the proscription recited in Sec. 3, lines 27-40, which expressly prohibits such action, and enforces the prohibition by penalties so large that violation would bankrupt the offending corporation.

What would have then resulted, had this bill been law, would be certain to follow its passage. The attempt to divert the traffic would be renewed, and the railway companies would be powerless to resist it. If they should lower their rates to the competitive figure, they would be compelled to adjust their local rates in proportion. This they could not do and live. They would, of necessity, be obliged quietly to see the magnificent trade of the Upper Mississippi Valley pass by Wisconsin, down the river, and seek the Atlantic via the Gulf.

I beg the Legislature calmly to consider whether such a result would be desirable for the State, or beneficial to any one of its citizens.

REASONABLE RATES.

Every railroad is worth what it would cost to replace it; and, upon that valuation, the company are entitled to a fair return. In sparsely settled localities this might establish rates deemed exorbitant. Yet, is it not a fact too often lost sight of, that it costs as much to construct a railroad across a new territory as through a densely populated district? It may cost more; iron, material, and supplies having to be carried much further. So long as the charges are such as to render transportation by rail preferable to any other mode, they are advantageous to the precise extent of the reduction made. This should not, however, cause the reduction. It should be no more than will pay the cost of locating as a fair return upon the investment and expense of maintenance will allow. It follows, therefore, that the greater the volume of business at remunerative rates the cheaper can any portion be done. If any one is assured existing rates are too high, the liberty to compete is unrestricted. There is no monopoly of the right to construct railroads. When Prussia's railway system was inaugurated, the railroads were guaranteed immunity from competition for thirty years after their construction.

Were a dead level of rates possible, the managers who have long striven to discover the just basis would not have waited for legislators to compel them, but would have eagerly seized upon the pro rata rule if that offered a solution of the perplexing problem. It is simply because the cast-iron plan is inoperative that men of experience, with ability to watch the course of trade and foresee the country's demands are intrusted with the management of the railways.

RAILROADS ENTITLED TO A FAIR RETURN.

It is conceded that every railroad should be so managed as to earn expenses, repairs, renewals, operating charges, and remuneration upon the investment. This result is beneficial alike to the patrons and the stockholders. Jointly they reap the advantages of a good, well-managed road.

Applying these truths, I beg you to inquire whether the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company has received more than a fair return for the capital actually invested? Is its management chargeable with any unreasonable exactions? Has it ever, in the United States and into one Territory. As an illustration, by no means the worst that could be cited, I annex a statement of the cost, earnings, and expenses of the Company's Wisconsin Division, extending from Chicago to Menominee, and Rockford to Kenosha:

Cost of road to May 31, 1874	$11,865,220.91
Add for new construction since May, 1864	1,597,995.74
Add for new equipment since May, 1864	2,049,454.04
Add for Menominee extension	1,168,362.82
	$20,702,163.07

Earnings—	
Year ending May 31, 1865	$ 2,329,414.13
Year ending May 31, 1867	2,631,713.71
Year ending May 31, 1867	3,276,417.06
Year ending May 31, 1868	3,165,603.79
Year ending May 31, 1869	3,143,999.41
Year ending May 31, 1870	2,846,585.30
Year ending May 31, 1871	2,611,578.67
Year ending May 31, 1872	3,047,341.31
Year ending May 31, 1873	3,181,270.62
	$26,815,043.99

Operating Expenses—	
Year ending May 31, 1865	$1,689,213.06
Year ending May 31, 1867	1,979,134.44
Year ending May 31, 1867	2,380,068.40
Year ending May 31, 1868	2,059,173.98
Year ending May 31, 1869	1,976,594.48
Year ending May 31, 1870	2,070,631.89
Year ending May 31, 1871	1,993,393.01
Year ending May 31, 1872	1,977,248.90
Year ending May 31, 1873	2,316,312.56
	$17,553,811.42

Interest on Bonds—	
Year ending May 31, 1865	$ 487,310.12
Year ending May 31, 1866	525,503.34
Year ending May 31, 1867	565,606.46
Year ending May 31, 1868	549,310.31
Year ending May 31, 1869	537,970.41
Year ending May 31, 1870	489,650.19
Year ending May 31, 1871	481,413.08
Year ending May 31, 1872	511,006.09
Year ending May 31, 1873	613,978.92
	4,756,442.92

	C. L. V. R.	M. C. R. R.	C. L. & Q.	L. S. & M. S. Ry.	
1868	3 13-100	3 45-100	2 20-100	3 45-100	
1869	"	3 8-100	2 1-100	3 34-100	
1870	3 9-100	3 93-100	2 17-100	3 22-100	
1871	2 97-100	3 61-100	2 30-100	3 20-100	
1872	2 51-100	3 61-100	2 31-100	3 20-100	
1873	2 51-100	3 68-100	2 19-100	3 37-100	
1873	2 33-100	3 47-100	2 18-100		

*Records for 1869 destroyed in Chicago fire and cannot be reproduced.

The above figures, besides refuting the popular charge that railway companies selfishly demand extortionate rates against public interest, establish the fact that their policy has been to reduce rates as rapidly as the maintenance of their property would allow, despite the very considerable increase of taxation in most of the Western States, and the constant increase in the price of labor, material and every item which enters into the operating expenses.

Although the earnings per ton per mile are larger on the two Western roads quoted, the earnings per mile entirely reverse the showing. On the Boston & Albany Railroad, last year, the earnings per mile were $35,561.88, while the Company averaged less than $7,000 per mile. The Boston & Providence Railroad earned during 1873, $27,061.74 per mile, while there are lines in this State whose gross earnings per mile fall below $5,000.

LOWER RATES THAN IN EUROPE.

Similar inaccuracies prevail regarding the comparison of charges in Europe and America. Belgium is cited as the cheap model. Yet David A Wells, who has just returned from an extended foreign tour in quest of information, says: "Recent examination has shown that if we compare the cost of moving a ton of freight upon the Belgium and Massachusetts railroads with the prices paid by each, respectively, for services, fuel and commodities, the American railroads of to-day do their work 50 per cent cheaper than the cheapest railway system of Europe." And, to prove that this favorable comparison is not confined to freight transportation, I submit the subjoining tabular statements of passenger rates, carefully compiled from the leading railways in the countries named:

	First class.	*Second class.*
England	3.33c	2.90c
France	2.44c	2.43c
Belgium	2.10c	2.46c
Germany	4.00c	3.14c
Austria	4.93c	3.74c

The American railroads which charge 4 cents per mile are comparatively few, while the through rate on the leading roads here frequently falls below than exceeds 3½ cents for first-class transportation.

MISREPRESENTATIONS ABOUT STOCK.

Are not investments in railroads by individuals, under our laws, with their unusually beneficial character to the public, entitled to the same protection from loss or injury by any act of the State, as are property investments of any other description? In fact, does not their peculiar character entitle them to more consideration? If a man engages in any mercantile enterprise, and loses a portion of his property and leases elsewhere with his capital, that if railroads are damaged by hostile legislation, being fixed, immovable property, the owners have no such recourse, and have absolutely no redress. Upon a single mile of this Company's road, in Monroe County, the Company has already expended, in tunneling one hill, nearly $200,000, and two other tunnels in the same county have cost the Company $183,796.92. The construction of the extension northwest from Madison 129 miles, engaged the Company for three years, during which time greater natural obstacles were overcome than were encountered by any other line between the Alleghanies and the Rocky Mountains. Up to April 1, 1873, the Company had expended on the line amounted to $6,821,616.05, and that work is not yet finished. If present legislation can render this outlay an irretrievable loss. Being a public benefit, is it not entitled to immunity from injury? A constitutional provision declares that no individual shall be deprived of his property without just compensation. The railways being the property of individuals, is it not equally just that fixed, arbitrary rates, by law, should either be abandoned, or, if imposed, the State should guarantee the companies from loss by reason of their enforcement?

STATE REGULATION BY RATES.

When the suggestion to regulate rates came before a select committee of the British Parliament, less than two years ago, they inquired, "On what principle is it to be performed, and by whom?" and added, "If it is to be purely arbitrary, if no rule is to be laid down to guide the surveyors, the power of revision will amount to a power to confiscate the property of companies."

The low rates inaugurated by Belgium in 1863 are frequently cited. The State has since acknowledged its error, and modified the tariffs. The right of that Government to regulate rates is unquestioned, but the companies disregard it, and the Government tolerates the practice.

CESSATION OF RAILROAD ENTERPRISE.

The present financial depression and the distrust in railway securities have been largely caused by the threatening aspect of legislation against the most sensitive part of railway property—its means of income. Gov. Carpenter comprehended the situation in his message to the Iowa Legislature, wherein he says: "It is believed that the cessation of railway building, prior to the recent financial disturbances, was due, more than to any other cause, to threatened restrictive legislation." Why should foreign capitalists invest in property in whose management the owners are menacingly told they shall have no voice? In financial circles the impression is prevalent that American legislation is especially aimed at vested interests. So rooted has this conviction become that it is impossible to negotiate the bonds of any Western railroad. So long as railroad property is subject to a popular crusade, capital will avoid it. Were this State to fully developed as to be wholly independent, the people could afford to let capital flow past into other and inviting fields; but, with the northern half unreclaimed, and certain to remain so until foreign capital infuses into it life, enterprise, and civilization, it is wise to isolate the State by throwing around it a pro rata wall?

In the general outcry, the beneficial results of railways have been ignored. Perhaps they can best be estimated by imagining our condition were we suddenly thrown back to the state of locomotion existing forty years ago. Such return would render personal travel intolerable, would suspend business, and collapse thousands of enterprises originated and made prosperous by railway facilities.

LIABILITY FOR MISTAKES.

No provision is made for the inevitable mistakes of agents, servants, or employes. An error, even by one of his subordinates, however unintentional or slight, would subject the offending company to a penalty ranging from $1,000 to $5,000. This Company employs an average of 12,000 men. Among them, despite every precaution, will be some liable to mistake. Is there any justice in making the Company amenable for all their errors?

REQUIREMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS.

Unwilling to prescribe what the rates shall be, the Legislature proposes to delegate this delicate duty to three Commissioners. No one is to be appointed to this important trust who is in any way connected with railways. Yet extraordinary powers are to be confided to the Board so appointed. It was once seriously suggested in England that the Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas be constituted a railway tribunal. Whereupon Lord Campbell, afterward Lord Chancellor, declined the responsibility on behalf of his associates in a speech replete with modesty and wisdom, of which the following extract is pertinent to the bill under your advisement: "This is not a code which Judges could interpret; it is left then altogether to exercise their discretion as to what they might deem reasonable. They were, besides, to form a final judgment on all matters of complaint relating to railway management that might come before them; and they were to lay down a code of regulations for the government of railway companies. The Judges, and him

D. A. GAGE.

The Grand Jury Returns Another Indictment for Perjury.

It Is Simply Designed to Meet Certain Formal Objections of Defendant's Counsel.

He Need Thinks the Others will Hold, But Wishes to Be Safe.

The Grand Jury yesterday returned ten additional true bills. Amongst these was one against Chicago City Treasurer, David A. Gage. So soon as the bill was filed in Court a TRIBUNE reporter called upon

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and interviewed him on the subject. The following conversation ensued:

Reporter—I see you have got another indictment returned by the Grand Jury against the late City Treasurer, charging him with willful and corrupt perjury. What is the object of this second indictment?

PURELY PRECAUTIONARY.

State's Attorney—The second indictment is simply a precautionary measure, a safety-valve, in case Judge Rogers quashes the original indictment on account of any defect.

R.—Then you have doubts as to the formality of the original?

S. A.—No; not at all. But lawyers disagree, you know, and to the event of the original's being quashed, I set to work, carefully and cautiously, and made a second indictment that should be

BEYOND HYPERCRITICISM.

Here the State's-Attorney took down his Webster and announced that the definition of that word was "An excessive rigor of criticism."

R.—The new indictment then is merely a repetition of the original, only more carefully put up?

S. A.—Exactly, and the alterations were made specially with a view to meet the two objections of defendant's counsel to the original indictment. I have merely changed the language, without altering the nature of the allegations, so as to defeat the attempts of the hypercritical. I have no fear that the first indictment will be quashed. I think it is quite as good also as the new one.

THE LAST INDICTMENT.

is as follows:

David A. Gage, late of the County of Cook, on the 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1873, in said County of Cook, in the State of Illinois aforesaid, was the Treasurer of the City of Chicago, in said county and State, and that he, the said Gage, had been and was the Treasurer of said city for and during the period of one year and more immediately before and prior to the said 6th day of December, and that he, the said Gage, as such Treasurer, during the period aforesaid, and for the purpose of and by law, at the end of each and every month, to render to the Comptroller of said city an account under the oath of him the said Gage as such Treasurer, showing the state of the Treasury of said city at the date of each last-named account, and a full, accurate, and full statement of all moneys in the hands of him, said Gage, as such Treasurer, and that he, the said Gage, as such Treasurer, during the period aforesaid, and for the purpose of and by law, at the end of each and every month, to render, and deliver said account and oaths thereunto attached to the said Comptroller, and that the said David A. Gage, as such Treasurer, was required by law to render to said Comptroller at the end of the month of November, in the year last aforesaid, an account under the oath of him, the said Gage, attached to said account, showing the state of the Treasury of said city at the end of the month of November last aforesaid; and a full, accurate, and full statement of all moneys in the hands of him, said Gage, as said Treasurer, at the date of such last-named account, and a fair, accurate, and full statement of all moneys in the hands of him, said Gage, as said Treasurer, at the end of the month of November last aforesaid; and that he, the said David A. Gage, as such Treasurer, was required by law to render the said last-named account aforesaid; and that he, the said Gage, as said Treasurer, during the period aforesaid, and for the purpose of and by law, at the end of each and every month, to render to said Comptroller an account under the oath of him, said Gage, attached to said account, showing the state of the Treasury of said city on the 1st day of December in the year last aforesaid, and a fair, accurate, and full statement of all moneys in the hands of him, the said Gage, as such Treasurer, on the said 1st day of December last aforesaid, and that he, the said David A. Gage, as such Treasurer, was required by law to render the said last-named account aforesaid; and that he, the said Gage, as said Treasurer, did present and deliver to the said Comptroller a balance of moneys in said Treasury in the sum and to the amount of one million one hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and ten dollars and forty-nine cents, and whereas in truth and in fact he, the said David A. Gage, on said 6th day of December, as such Treasurer, well knew that there was not, and had good reason to believe that there was not, in his hands, as such Treasurer, moneys in the sum to the amount last aforesaid. And so the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon the oath aforesaid, do present and say that the said David A. Gage, as such Treasurer, on the said 6th day of December last aforesaid, and for a long time prior thereto, had good reason to believe that the said oath and affidavit was willfully and corruptly false in manner and form aforesaid, and that he, the said David A. Gage, did commit wilful and corrupt perjury in manner and form aforesaid.

THE VARIANCES.

This indictment differs from the preceding one in that it states that Mr. Gage was required to render an account to the Comptroller at the end of the month of November, and that he, by his own fault, failed to render it then, and did not make it until the 6th of December; and, also, in that it contains the words, "as the said Gage knew or had reason to believe," which, Mr. Swett declared in his argument, were necessary to the formality of the indictment.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Academy of Sciences was held last evening in the library of the institution on Wabash avenue. Dr. Johnson presided, and there was a fair attendance of members.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Committee on Membership presented a report recommending the election of the following named gentlemen to membership: Prof. Lester Curtis, William Quine, Dr. J. N. Danforth, S. W. Burnham, E. Colbert, W. H. Wells, A. E. Thomas.

The report was concurred in.

THE LENS.

The Academy considered the question of continuing the publication of the *Lens*, a paper devoted to the advancement of microscopical science.

Dr. Brose moved that Dr. Johnson, the President, C. Walker, the Secretary, and Dr. Ebert, the Treasurer, be appointed a committee to take the whole matter in charge, and see what could be done to build the paper up.

Dr. Davis said that he hoped, if the publication were to be continued, that it would not be entirely devoted to microscopicism. It had been a burden to the Microscopical Society, and it had also become a burden to the Academy.

Prof. Thomson deprecated the idea of publishing any paper,—it was a useless affair at best. The Academy could get along very well without it. He hoped the publication would be discontinued.

Dr. Ebert was not an advocate of the *Lens* in particular, but he hoped they would have some kind of a periodical devoted to science. Let it be monthly or weekly, as might seem best, but let them have something of the kind in any reasonable shape.

The Secretary, in reply to a question, stated that the Trustees were a very conservative body, and he thought that the gentlemen alluded to would grant no part of the funds for printing purposes, unless the *Lens* would publish the proceedings of the Academy in full.

Gov. Bross said that the *Lens* had a circulation of 300 at \$3 each some time ago, but, if any of the gentlemen considered that the publication would injure the Society, he would at once withdraw the motion.

Dr. Durham suggested as an amendment to the motion of Gov. Bross, that the committee consider the advisability of publishing quarterly reports of proceedings of the Academy, which they might send to similar institutions in other cities and countries.

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Bross.

Dr. Johnson left the chair to deny the statement that the *Lens* had caused the downfall of the Microscopical Society. On the contrary, a scientific publication was always an incentive to scientific work, and the *Lens*, if taken hold of by the Academy of Science and properly managed, would prove a useful ally.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried.

Prof. Delafontaine attempted to provoke a debate on dark scientific points, but met with no encouragement.

The meeting then adjourned.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

CHICAGO COAL MEN NOT TO BE CHEATED.

They have had a coal-mine in the Janesville, Wis., region which adds another to the list of disappointments experienced by over-shrewd, uneducated men when they get up a swindle in which they fight against the truths of geology. This time it is a farmer, named I. Finch, whose farm is about five miles southeast from the City of Janesville, and a mile west of Rock River. Mr. Finch has been for some time the owner of an orifice which once supplied him with water, but which suddenly ran dry. He then bored several feet further into the lime rock in which he had struck the first spring, and, wonderful to relate, the water was found to be strongly impregnated with oil.

REFINED KEROSENE.

The discovery caused considerable excitement in Janesville, and a representative of the *Gazette* of that place paid the well a visit, in company with the sanguine proprietor. An hour's labor with a long tin bucket was rewarded with the filling of a bottle with the oil, which was pronounced by the leading chemist of Janesville to be refined kerosene of the very best quality. The public, who had never before heard of the discovery of an oil-well yielding the refined product, got disheartened, and dismissed the well from their minds. The proprietor, however, was not dismayed. He knew that, outside of the nearest grocery, there was a vein of oil in the vicinity of the well, and he bored for it assiduously, but, like Bret Harte's Dow, the owner of the house "struck the coupling low," who "from sheer contrariness" kept on for miles of dirt, solid rock, and boulders, and, with the aid of such old worn-out implements as he could lay his hands on, he sank the hole down to a depth of 962 feet, when, lo! he struck water in much better, a VEIN OF COAL.

Again did the placid region around Janesville, and that quiet city itself, grow excited over the new discovery. Strange to say, the coal dug out of the shaft proved to be in every way similar in color and quality to the Pennsylvania coal sold at the yards of the leading Janesville coal-dealers. The local geologists were appealed to, and, though dumbfounded by the reports of the continuous discovery of coal, they held that the entire State of Wisconsin was geologically far below the coal measures, and that there must be something wrong about Mr. Finch's discovery. And then the kerosene incident came to mind, and increased the doubts which the geologists had raised. But that it remained for Chicago to explode the fraud will appear from the following extract from an article on the subject, headed "Excitement About Coal," taken from the Janesville *Gazette* of the 7th inst.:

A VISIT FROM CHICAGOANS.

Mr. Finch well was yesterday visited by three Chicago gentlemen, Messrs. Burley, Gage and Mr. Cherry, coal-dealers and coal-miners of long experience. They came up here to inspect the well and buy the land adjoining, if it promised a genuine supply of coal, and the owner could be induced to part with it. These gentlemen had a fair opportunity of the marvels which Mr. Finch was unearthing, and, with true speculative instinct, had made it a point to be first on the ground. They reached the land of promise about 9 o'clock last evening, and labored industriously with a hand-drill until 6 in the afternoon. The coal searching trio took the night train from this city to Chicago without a deed of Mr. Finch's farm in any of their pockets. This may look like a good day's work, and the invigorating freshness of the country air. To these gentlemen it seems strange that the coal taken out of Mr. Finch's well should come from under the drill in pieces of such uniform size, and large enough to be classed with the grade known as nut-coal. Their experience has taught them that it would be reduced to powder, and, mixed with the water in the well, would form a pretty paste. Then, too, there is the dissimilarity between it and the coal sold at the yards in this city. Mr. Insw, after yesterday's labors as the well had been completed, was unkind enough to say to Mr. Finch, "Now tell us, sir, how you struck the coal in your well." Mr. Finch, with that abundance of faith which characterized his parentage, replied that he didn't know, unless it was God Almighty.

ASPASIA.

The fourth lecture in the Memorial Chapel Course was delivered yesterday evening, in the chapel of the Church of the Messiah, by Mrs. Kate N. Doggett, upon the subject "Aspasia."

The chapel was quite well filled in spite of the numerous other attractions in the city, and the lecturer, having been introduced by the Rev. Laird Collier, spoke in substance as follows:

In the land where personal beauty was so common that it has given us models for all time, the woman Aspasia was of such exceeding beauty that its reputation filled the world of her age, and has descended through the centuries. About the middle of the fifth century before Christ, Athens had reached her prime, and it was not difficult, under such a leader as Pericles, for her to become, in spite of Sparta, the mistress of the civilized world. The lecturer stated that she should not have introduced the name of Aspasia, nor mentioned her beauty, had she not been convinced that her personal loveliness was only typical of her loveliness of soul. She believed her to be the true wife and helpmeet of Pericles, not his mistress; a woman who appealed to his highest aspirations, not a creature who pandered to his lowest passions.

The lecturer further went on to describe the condition of Athens at the time when Aspasia lived, and to paint the artistic glory of the Parthenon, Temple of Victory, and the other grand edifices and temples of the Acropolis.

The crime of Pericles was not that he had made Aspasia his mistress, but his wife. Mrs. Doggett then quoted an example of the care which society exercises to prevent mesalliances. Dom Fernando, father of the King of Portugal, had thrown all Lisbon into commotion by asking to present his wife at Court, when the same woman, while she was his mistress, had held a certain well-recognized position in society.

The lecturer further explained the manner in which women were treated in Athens, and showed that the character of a courtesan had attached to Aspasia because of the peculiar marriage customs of the day, which may be briefly summed up as Woodhullism in its greatest perfection.

Mrs. Doggett then described the machinations of the enemies of Pericles and Aspasia, resulting first in the destruction of his friends, Phidias, the sculptor, and Anaxagoras, the philosopher. Aspasia was then charged with unbelief in the gods and with being a teacher of the monstrous heresy of the equal dignity of woman with man. A graphic description was then given of the trial before the 300 Judges in the open air, which resulted in the acquittal of the distinguished accused. Near the close of the life of Pericles, the Athenians recognized the beauty and grandeur of this union of a quarter of a century, by removing the civil disabilities from their son, thus enabling him to pay the last rites to his father's remains according to the customs of the age.

The lecture closed with the beautiful words of Pericles to Aspasia just before his death, and the audience manifested a vivid appreciation by hearty applause. The next lecture will be given at the same place Tuesday, by Mr. Adams, of Dubuque.

JESSUP VS. THE ALTON ROAD.

The case of Morris K. Jessup against the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, wherein the plaintiff, who is a stockholder of the corporation defendant in the suit, has procured an injunction to restrain the railroad company from paying to the County Collectors any portion of the State tax levied by the Assessors on the railroad capital stock, came up before Judge Blodgett, in the United States Court, yesterday morning. Attorney General Edsall appeared for the State, and Mr. Charles Beckwith represented Jessup.

The Court said that Messrs. Beckwith and Tuley had stated to him the preceding morning that the same case, or the principle involved therein, would be likely to come before Judges Drummond and Treat in Springfield before many days. He (Judge Blodgett) was engaged on jury trials. Judge Drummond would be, of necessity, away, and he should like that both could hear the case. If the matter came up in Springfield, he did not know that it would be necessary to have anything more than a pro forma trial here.

Attorney General Edsall—Don't you think that the matter ought to be disposed of immediately?

Judge Blodgett—Certainly; but only one day will be required. I'll try and fix the matter this afternoon. There are several of such cases pending, but, as the same principles are involved in all, one case will define the legal issue, and decide the whole question. I hold that as little delay as possible should be had in any case involving the collection of public revenue. I, however, prefer to have Judge Drummond with me in the matter.

The subject was then dropped.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, Judge Blodgett said that he had conferred with Judge Drummond, and, in view of the Judge's future absence, it was thought that the 12th of March was the earliest day that could be set, with the understanding that if the question should be decided before then by Judges Drummond and Treat, at Springfield, the hearing here would be merely formal.

It is proposed to file several bills in this case of other railroads in the United States Court at Springfield very soon, in which the same points will be urged. Judge Drummond is expected to go to Springfield this week, and will probably, in connection with Judge Treat, the District Judge of the Southern District, hear the arguments for injunction, which will render any extended argument here superfluous. Judge Blodgett did not feel at liberty when a jury was in attendance to keep them waiting a day now, and also desired that Judge Drummond should be present and take part when the argument was had.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Thomas Hoyne, accompanied by two daughters and Mrs. D. B. Shipman, left for New Orleans Monday night on special train, to spend some months in the South.

Capt. M. F. Sheppard and George N. Hicks, Esq., of Penn Yan, N. Y., left for home last night.

C. E. Gorham, Assistant General Manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and C. B. Gorham, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne Railroad, are in the city.

J. M. Walker, President of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, has gone to Boston to attend the Directors' meeting of his road to be held next Friday.

W. M. Johnson, General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Illinois Central Railroad, and Chasse d'Affaires of his Royal Highness King Carnival of Quinquagesima for the City of Chicago, has gone to the Crescent City, at the behest of his royal master, to attend to the ceremonies of the Mystic Krewe on the 17th.

Commissioner Carter, of the the Board of Public Works, was yesterday presented with a magnificent solid silver service, the gift of the employes of the Board, who united in signing a handsomely engrossed memorial in the following terms:

"The undersigned, employes of the Board of Public Works, being desirous of presenting some testimonial of their esteem to President W. H. Carter on the occasion of his assuming control of the Board, and being desirable for the past six years, take pleasure in presenting the accompanying expression of their regard, with their best wishes for his future welfare." The memorial contains the names of 101 contributors to the elegant gift, which consists of a service of six pieces in a beautiful walnut case lined with blue satin, the whole costing $520. The presentation was made at Mr. Carter's house, last evening, by Master Engineer Ivory, Secretary; Mr. Johnson, bookkeeper; and H. J. Jones, the head of the Department of Special Assessments, the Committee appointed for that purpose.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Palmer House—W. B. Pierce, Boston; J. V. Martin, Philadelphia; H. N. Hatch, New York; R. A. Campbell, Louisville; Townsend Davis, Buffalo; T. Meinbach, San Francisco; C. W. Bingham, Milwaukee; M. Chapman, California; Henry Collett, Terre Haute; C. E. Fox, Boston. . . . *Grand Pacific*—A. C. Bruce, Knoxville, Tenn.; G. B. Rogers, Detroit; Frank J. Kennett, St. Louis; Mrs. Colby, Boston; Wesley Readhead, Des Moines; O. H. Booth, Mansfield; H. S. Lansing, Philadelphia. . . . *Sherman House*—W. G. Burke, St. Louis; C. F. Wise, New York; C. Spaulding, Boston; E. Waller, Kentucky; James Molkaye, Buffalo.

JOHN A. LYNCH.

Mr. John A. Lynch, for many years connected with the Board of Public Works of this city, died of consumption on the morning of Monday, at his West Side residence. The deceased was attached to the Chicago police in the earlier days of the young metropolis, and was distinguished for industry and integrity. He was born in Ireland, but came to the United States, with his family, while yet a mere child. Mr. Lynch was noticeable for his genial disposition and sterling qualities as a man of business. By thrift and energy he managed to accumulate a moderate fortune, and was in the enjoyment of some of the comforts of this world when death set his firm seal upon him. A few faces around the City Hall could be more missed by the public than the pleasant countenance of poor, honest John Lynch. His funeral was largely attended yesterday morning. The remains were deposited in the vault at Calvary Cemetery, where they will remain until transferred to their last resting-place in American soil, surrounded by kindred ashes. Upon his gravestone may be inscribed: "He loved his native land with the devotion of a dutiful son, and he adored his adopted country with the loyalty of a true lover."

GENERAL NEWS.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning a man named William Burns, living at No. 59 Weston street, was run over and slightly injured, near the corner of Ontario and Market streets, by a heavy truck wagon belonging to a person also named Burns. He was taken to his home, and his wounds dressed by Dr. Leonard, who pronounced them not dangerous.

The alarm from Box No. 31 at 9:45 yesterday morning was caused by an incipient conflagration in the garret of a two-story frame building at No. 396 South Clark street, owned and occupied by A. Campbell. The fire originated in some wood that was placed in the oven of a cook-stove, and was extinguished without loss. Premises insured for $1,000 in the Ætna of Hartford.

We have received a letter signed "Citizens of Chicago," stating that at a certain time an officer on duty on a certain beat was very drunk. It would be useless to publish such a statement, reflecting so seriously on the character of a public officer, unless it were accompanied with the names of witnesses. If "Citizens of Chicago" are ready to appear before the Board of Police and swear to these anonymous statements, let them send along their names, and they will be published, along with the charge, for the information of the Police Commissioners.

S. B. Gookins stated his views on the habit of tippling last evening, under the auspices of the Garden City Division Sons of Temperance at their hall, corner of Clinton and Randolph street. About 200 men were present, who applauded the effort vociferously. An angular temperance advocate of the opposite sex supplemented the address with the rehearsal of a poem, "Drafted," after which the audience dispersed, convinced that the cause had been promoted by the evening's exercises.

The Tennesseans had another grand house, every one of the 1,600 seats in the house being sold. The audience was more enthusiastic than ever. It had been intended to give the last performance to-night, but such a series of great and unexpected successes has determined the singers to appear Thursday evening and at the Saturday matinée, a piece of news which will doubtless be gratifying to all. Since their songs are different every evening, those who have attended once need not fear to be wearied by going again.

While going to the fire yesterday morning, Charles Miller, tillerman of Hose Elevator Company No. 1, was thrown from the machine at the corner of Jackson street and Pacific avenue, and severely bruised. In addition to sundry cuts about the head, he is supposed to have received internal injuries of a serious character. He was carried into the Pacific Hotel, and Dr. Miller called to attend his injuries, after which he was removed to the engine-house on Franklin street. The physician is of opinion that he will be convalescent in a short time.

Yesterday afternoon, two lank, lean, and hungry residents of Boston, representing each sex, registered at the Sherman House, and were assigned a room by the genial clerk of that hospitable caravansery. The evidently unsophisticated nature of the pair was the subject of frequent comment by the guests, and it culminated in the evening, in a way that was suggestive of the innocence of childhood. When supper was announced, the bridegroom appeared in the ordinary in his shirt-sleeves, flushed by the objects of his choice. It required the persuasive eloquence of Miles Tyler Dunn, to convince him that it was not the thing, and he was finally induced to clothe himself before the waiter presented the bill of fare. When it was time to light up, a waiter attended the couple to their room, and received abundant thanks for his explanation of the way of manipulating the gas. He finished the lesson after a season, and left the tenderfoots in wonder at the resources of the establishment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met last evening. Inspector Bickerdyke submitted a plan for a graded system, establishing grades in all studies, thereby enabling a pupil who is proficient in any one branch to be advanced. At present, unless he has mastered all the branches in his grade, he is kept there, and, however well-informed he may be in regard to all except one study, that one will prevent his advancement. The Committee on Text Books was instructed to examine the new system. Inspector Goggin offered a resolution to rescind the contract for the exchange of the Bridewell lot for the old Post-Office site; but, failing to get a second to it, did not press it. The school at the corner of Ashland and Wanbansia avenue was named the "Burr School"—in honor of Jonathan Burr—and the one on Harrison street, near Western avenue, the "King School," to perpetuate the memory of the President of the Board. A fuller report is made impossible by a pressure of matter.

POOR COLONEL.

The valient "Col." Thomas A. Hares has cause to grief, and is now occupying uncomfortable quarters with Jailor Folz. He was arrested for contempt of court, and is also held up until he shall find $5,000 bonds as a surety for his not surreptitiously leaving the State. The latter misfortune was brought about by a bill filed by his wife asking for a divorce. It will be remembered that she filed a bill for separate maintenance some time ago, alleging desertion and adultery with Mrs. Barbara Mehlhaus. In the present bill she reiterates the charge of adultery, alleging commission since the time of the filing of her bill for separate maintenance. She also avers that Hares is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. His conduct has rendered her sick, and she is even unable for a great part of the time to go out of the house. She is fearful that he will leave the State, he having declared his intention to never pay her any more money, and she therefore asks a writ of ne exeat, which was allowed by Judge Williams without any bond on her part. Hares was, however, when arrested, required to find bail in the sum of $5,000, in default of which he is now in the County Jail, where he receives visits from Mrs. Mehlhaus.

THE CARPENTERS.

The Amalgamated Carpenters' Union held a very large and enthusiastic meeting last evening at Foix' Hall, corner of North avenue and Larrabee street, for the purpose of considering the present distressed condition of the carpenters in this city.

Mr. Peter J. Herder, on being elected Chairman of the meeting said that they had not come together for the purpose of asking alms or support from anybody, but to decide what can best be done to raise mechanics and workingmen from their present low position.

He then introduced Mr. Francis A. Hoffman, Jr., who made some remarks.

Mr. John Wagner and others also made speeches, urging them to join the Grangers if they wanted to succeed in attaining their rights.

A Committee which had been appointed to draw up proper resolutions, reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The building season will soon begin, and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary that the carpenters and their employes should work together for their mutual benefit as well as for the benefit of the public; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the German Carpenter Union of the carpenter unions of all nationalities in this city, and that the Union appoint a Standing Committee for that purpose.

The President then appointed the following standing Committee: C. Spangenberg, John Wagner, C. Kirchlof, John Felters, Gustav Reinecke, X. Grimm, and L. Engelmann.

After a few more speeches had been delivered, the meeting adjourned to meet again Thursday evening at No. 61 Linden street, corner of Church.

A large workingmen's meeting was also held at No. 304 Division street, where Messrs. Klings, Limbo, and other Socialists made their usual speeches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Rev. Prof. G. W. Northrup, D. D., of the Baptist Theological Seminary, will preach in the Wabash Avenue Methodist-Episcopal Church this evening at 7½ o'clock.

The Ladies' Special Bureau of Relief will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the house of Le Stone, 1571 Indiana avenue. Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The Women's Suffrage Association will hold their annual meeting in the lecture-room of the Methodist Church corner of Clark and Washington streets to-morrow, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m. All friends, and the public generally, are invited to hear speeches and music.

There will be a matinee to-day at the Globe of the "Black Crook" spectacle, Baby Benson and all the specialties appearing.

The ladies of Unity Church will give a tea-party at 8 o'clock this evening, Feb. 11, in the lecture-room of the church, North Dearborn street. Admission, 50 cents (children half-price), the proceeds to be applied to providing furniture for the pulpit.

A social and entertainment will be given by the Ladies' Society of the Baptist Church, corner of Loomis and Jackson streets, Thursday evening.

The fifth lecture in the Philosophical Society's course will be given by Prof. J. Hain, D. D., LL. D., this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the First M. E. Church Lecture-Room. Subject: "The Cyrenian and Cynic Schools of Philosophy."

An extra rehearsal of the Apollo Club, both of ladies and gentlemen, will be held at the rooms of the Club, Superior Block, Thursday evening. As this is the last evening rehearsal which can be had before the forthcoming concerts, a full attendance is requested.

There will be an entertainment held this evening at the house of H. B. Chandler, No. 209 South Morgan street, for the benefit of the Church of the Epiphany, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, with the farce of the "Irish Tiger," performed by the Dramatic Class of the Ingleside Club. The entertainment will close with dancing. Tickets, $1.

A grand masquerade ball will be given next Saturday evening at Union Hall, corner of Clark and Monroe streets. The ball is for the benefit of Mr. Henry Thompson, the originator of the submarine telescopic lantern, and various other useful inventions. The ball will begin at 9 o'clock.

The semi-annual exhibition of St. Ignatius College will take place this evening at half-past 7 o'clock. The exercises will consist of music, singing, readings, and a play entitled "All that Glitters is not Gold." At the conclusion the award of testimonials will be made.

The Chicago Christian Union gives its regular monthly sociable Thursday evening at the rooms of the Union, No. 114 Madison street. The programme will include readings by Prof. Mason; chorus and quartette singing by Prof. Walker and members of his class in vocal music; piano solos by Miss Zoe Swisshelm, with plenty of time for general sociability and good fellowship. This sociable is free to all members of the Union and such friends as they may choose to invite, and it is hoped that all members will be present with their friends.

THE CITY HALL.

Yesterday was a day of remarkable stagnation about the City Hall. The Board of Police were not in session, but were off on a tour among the engine-houses to look over the condition of the horses, etc.

Mayor Colvin yesterday signed the petition to Gov. Beveridge for the commutation of Rafferty's sentence. Several Aldermen also affixed their signatures to the document.

Above one thousand applications have been received from persons desiring places in the Board of Public Works under its new organization. Several changes are contemplated; among others, the Secretaryship will be no longer held by Mr. Bailey, it is said.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday afternoon, the Sanitary Superintendent submitted his report of the mortality for the week ending Feb. 7, showing a total of 101 deaths, a decrease of 27 from the preceding week, and of 26 from the same week in 1873. The mortality is less than during any similar period since the great fire. The number of houses infected by small-pox was two less than last week, and the number of deaths was the same. The tendency is to a milder form of the disease, and vaccination is growing more in favor. The monthly mortality report for January shows a total of 859 deaths, besides 77 still-and premature births. There were 24 deaths by small-pox. A marked decrease is shown from the mortality for December, 1873. The reduction for the month has been chiefly in small-pox, consumption, enteritis, and typhoid fever. There was a decrease of 40 cases of small-pox compared with January, 1873.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

EVANSTON.

The concert announced by the Ladies' Lecture Course will take place at the Methodist Church to-morrow evening. At the same time H. H. Bovee is expected to lecture at Lyon's Hall upon "The Barbarism of the Gallows." Admission free.

At the regular meeting of the Evanston Philosophical Association, Monday evening, papers were read as follows: "The Law of War," by H. G. Miller; "The History of the Origin and Establishment of the Common Law," by John T. Dale, of Winnetka; "The Condition and Progress of the Manufacturing Interests of this Country," by Col. W. Brainard. The Association voted to invite Prof. Blackburn, of the Northwestern Theological Seminary, Chicago, to read a paper on the philosophy of history before the Association, Monday, Feb. 23.

A very fair audience assembled at the University Chapel, Monday night, to hear read the essays written in competition for the Hiram prize by five members of the Human Literary Society. Following is the programme presented, which was well-varied with music by the Schiller Quartette: "Mirabeau," by Frank M. Bristol; "Witchcraft," by W. F. Warrington; "Radicalism and Conservatism," by W. N. Sage; "Prince of the Middle Ages," by Charles A. Gaskell; and "The Geneva Arbitration," by H. R. Umland. The essays of Messrs. Knox and Bristol were especially worthy of praise, and were received with manifest favor by the audience. The Committee of Award—Dr. N. S. Davis, Gen. A. C. Ducat, the Rev. E. N. Packard, and Mr. E. W. Blatchford—awarded the prize to C. A. Gaskell.

Meetings are in progress at the Baptist Church every evening, and are held in the upper room to accommodate the increased attendance.

The Hon. William Parsons will lecture upon "Richard Brinsley Sheridan" Saturday evening.

LAKE.

The Lake Trustees held a regular meeting at the Town Hall Monday afternoon. Present, Bursley, Colvin, and Drake. The reading of the minutes was deferred.

Messrs. Coy Bros. made their statements to relation to the Thompson matter. Their arguments were short and to the point. Mr. Turner admitted everything Mr. Coy said in his report was correct, that the Justice had jurisdiction; that the total amount of costs ought to have been \$21.50 when squired Thompson only charged \$11.25 and when he came to the appearance of the docket itself, but here he was met by Mr. Thomas, who beat him, and who finally made him "turn his horse the other way." And thus ends Turner's great fizzle.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Tucker & Sherman, on balance due on cinders, $31.50; Police time and payroll for January, $447.55; David O'Brien, on refund on an improvement not finished, $8.67; John Carroll, on refund on an improvement not finished, $14.67; H. H. Goodell & Co., for two Board meetings, $20; W. Haight, for groceries for out-door relief, $4.20. Total, $527.39.

The following were referred: John W. Sweeney, for the arrest and conviction of William Dunker, $20; John Otto, for services and lumber used in building crossings, $41.97.

Sergeant Gahan's police report for January was received and ordered placed on file. During the month the police arrested the previous persons, who were fined $160 altogether. Of this amount $97 was collected, $29 remitted, and $40 left over.

On request, the Board granted permission to the Columbian Literary Association for the use of the Town Hall every Wednesday evening.

Orders to the amount of $40 were drawn as outdoor relief, and also two tons of coal, in favor of the following persons: Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Monahan, and Mr. Charlesworth.

The invitation from J. J. Storer to visit his new rendering works was accepted, and the Clerk instructed to answer that the Board will visit the establishment when requested. The Clerk was instructed to answer the communication from Warner & Bigdon in relation to the town improvements. The license of Jacob Taschich was revoked to April 1, 1874, and, on motion, the Board adjourned.

WAREVILLE.

The Rev. Mr. Schumaker, after a very able discourse on the subject of Baptism, administered that ordinance in College Chapel to several new converts Sunday evening.

The tidal wave of lecture excitement has gradually been rising until Monday evening it reached high-water mark. Prof. J. J. Conant, the favorite lecturer, gave the fourth in the Naperville Course, to the largest audience ever gathered in College Chapel. He spoke in a happy entertaining style, to a delighted audience, giving graphic descriptions of his travels on the continent of Europe. As the close he was requested to continue his lecture another evening, and to-night was fixed upon, in the M. E. Church. Elder Brigham Young No. 12 failed to come to time; therefore her lecture, advertised for Thursday evening, is postponed. Prof. Tistcher gives a reading in the Congregational church that evening, which, to some extent, will compensate our lecture-going people.

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The venerable New York *Observer* resurrects an inquiring—and apparently perturbed—subscriber, by informing him that there was no wine or beer consumed at either the public or private receptions of the Evangelical Alliance. "The high, and titled, and learned of all lands" had to go dry as herrings, it says, unless they could bring themselves to "take their thirst with those innocent beverages that Nature supplies, such as cold water and lemonade."

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EXPOSITION BUILDING—Lake Shore, foot of Adams street. Dubufe's Painting of the "Prodigal Son." Afternoon and evening.

The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, February 11, 1874.

The State Senate has passed the House bill limiting to three years after the 1st of next July the liability of towns, counties, and other places that have voted aid to railroads.

The place on the District of Columbia Investigating Committee, successively resigned by Senators Frelinghuysen, Morrill, Morton, and Conkling, has been assigned to Senator Allison, of Iowa.

Another indictment against ex-Treasurer David A. Gage was found yesterday by the sitting Grand Jury. It covers no new offense, and is intended simply to supplement the original indictment for perjury, and fortify it in one or two points where Mr. Gage's counsel had raised some valid technical objections.

The Centennial bill passed by the House, and requesting President Grant to invite foreign Governments to take part, under the auspices of the United States, in the Philadelphia show for 1876, has been approved without amendment by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion of Mr. Beck, the House of Representatives have instructed the Banking Committee to investigate the conduct of the First National Bank of Washington. The grounds of investigation are that it loaned to Jay Cooke & Co. the whole of its capital stock and a large part of its deposits, in palpable violation of the National Banking act.

In considering the Bankrupt bill yesterday, the Senate agreed to the motion of Senator Edmunds, that to make arrangements for settlements between creditors and a debtor valid they must receive the signatures of two-thirds of the number of creditors, representing one-half the amount of debts. The bill was then passed by a vote of 43 to 11.

Senator Stewart remembers Secretary Richardson's brilliant failure a few months ago to resume specie payments with a few hundred thousand dollars of small silver. At his instance the Senate have asked the Secretary how long it will take the mints of the country to replace the paper fractional currency with silver, after specie payments have been restored. It will not take as long as it would to have made Mr. Richardson's experiment a success.

The bill making the schedules of the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners *prima facie* evidence of the reasonableness of charges was before the House of Representatives at Springfield yesterday, and passed to a third reading by a vote of 63 to 58, after having been amended so as to include schedules hereafter made. The House concurred, by a vote of 92 to 19, in the report of the Committee on Civil Service against the abolition of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

If there is any "inter-State" railroad in the country that Congress might regulate, it would be the Union Pacific. The Legislature of Missouri has petitioned Congress to restrain that road from continuing the illegal charges which it has lately made. In presenting the memorial, Senator Bogy referred to the land-grants and other aid which had been given to the Union Pacific by the Government, and hoped the Judiciary Committee would bear them in mind in considering the petition.

Some of the citizens of Kalamazoo, Mich., have been resisting the payment of taxes to support the High School of that city, on the ground that high schools were not common schools in the eye of the law, and therefore not chargeable upon taxpayers. The point was of more than local importance, as it was believed to involve the existence of the high schools throughout the State. The Supreme Court decided the case yesterday, and held that there was nothing in the laws or Constitution of the State to sustain the taxpayers in their opposition to the High School.

The Chicago produce markets were generally dull and weak yesterday. Mess pork was quiet and 20c per bbl lower, closing at $14.20 cash, and $14.25 seller March. Lard was active and 15c per 100 lbs lower, closing at $8.80@8.85 cash, and $8.85@8.90 seller March. Meats were quiet and steady at 5¼c for shoulders, 7¾c for short ribs, 7¾c for short clear, and 9¼@10¾c for sweet pickled hams. Dressed hogs were in fair demand and steady, closing at $6.50 per 100 lbs. Highwines were active and firm at 96c per gallon. Flour was dull and easier. Wheat was dull and 1½c lower, closing at $1.21¼c cash, and $1.23¾c seller March. Corn was more active and easier, closing at 58¾c cash, and 57¾@57½c seller March. Oats were active and steady, closing at 42¼c cash, and 43c seller March. Rye was in fair demand and steady, at 82@83c for fresh receipts. Barley was in better request, and steadier at $1.70@1.75 for No. 2, and $1.55@1.55¼ for No. 3. On Saturday evening last there was in store in this city 2,966,750 bu wheat, 2,136,948 bu corn, 760,792 bu oats, 69,127 bu rye, and 316,832 bu barley. Live hogs were dull and weak at a decline of 15@30c from the closing prices of last week, closing at $4.75@5.75. Cattle were in good demand at steady prices. Sheep were firm.

A number of railroad attorneys, representing the St. Louis & Alton, Ohio & Mississippi, Indianapolis & St. Louis, Toledo, Wabash & Western, and Illinois & Southeastern Roads, are at Springfield considering the legal measures to resist the payment of taxes on the assessment made by the Board of Equalization. One of them says that many of the roads in the State cannot raise money to pay the interest on their bonds, and prophesies that, if taxes on this assessment are insisted on, six-tenths of the roads of the State will cease running cars. The assessment in question amounts, for all the roads in the State, to $133,805,823, and the value of their property, as sworn to by their officers, amounts to $278,886,764.

Senator Boutwell has embodied some of the results of his experience as Secretary of the Treasury in a bill to exact more careful estimates of the different departments of the Government, and to hold them to a stricter account for the appropriations given them. Whenever they ask for their annual supply of money, they must state how much they have on hand of preceding appropriations; every estimate for money for public buildings must be accompanied with a detailed statement of the whole cost of the work. It is declared unlawful for any department to spend more than has been appropriated to its use. And, finally, all unexpended balances of appropriations must be covered into the Treasury on the 1st of June of every year.

A majority of the Council Committee on Wharves and Public Grounds have voted that $800,000 is not a fair price for the three blocks of ground which the railroads on the lake shore wish to buy for the site of a passenger depot. There seems to be no difference of opinion as to the expediency of selling, but only as to what is a fair price. Fortunately, there is a way of ascertaining what is a fair price. Let the Council advertise for bids for this property, on the terms of one-fourth cash, and balance in three, six, and nine months. Let such an advertisement be published sixty days in Chicago, New York, and Boston. Then, if any responsible party offers more than $800,000, there will be good reason for refusing to accept the present offer. The advertisement might call for bids of two kinds,—one for a quit-claim and one for a warrantee deed.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.

During the past few months we have been in receipt of sundry letters from holders of Northern Pacific bonds making inquiries as to the character of the country through which the road has been projected, but have not had the material at hand for an answer. That material is now furnished by a letter from Maj.-Gen. Hazen to the New York *Tribune*, and gives a very thorough and satisfactory answer, which must carry great weight with it, as it comes from an intelligent and unprejudiced observer. Gen. Hazen, it may be premised, is stationed at the mouth of the Yellowstone River, at the intersection of the 104th meridian west with the 48th parallel north, and is, therefore, in the very midst of the "northern tropical belt," the beauties and advantages of which have been hung out so temptingly as baits for the unwary bond-purchasers. The most of his letter is devoted to showing that this region is not valuable in an agricultural point of view, and can never be developed into a populous or productive region, from the fact that the terrible storms in winter and the insufficient rains of the summers will always prevent it. The table of temperatures for a series of years shows an excessive cold in winter, and a range of temperature from 130 to 138 degrees. June, July, and August were the only months of last year in which there were not snow-storms, and a temperature down to 15 degrees. With regard to the winter storms, Gen. Hazen says:

> The storms in Minnesota and Dakota last winter and spring, in which hundreds of people lost their lives, are fresh in the memories of all. This entire Northwestern country is subject to these terrific winter storms, which animal life cannot withstand unless thoroughly protected. I have seen an area of country twenty miles across strewn with the carcasses of buffalo that must have perished in one of these storms. Not a winter has passed since this post was established in 1866, but some poor soldier of its garrison has lost life or limb by freezing.

The annual rainfall is given as follows: 1865, 1.40; 1867, 6.58; 1868, 11.50; 1869, 9.74; 1870, 9.19; 1871, 10.42; 1872, 19.99; 1873, 21.11; average, 12.66. It will be observed that the rainfall of last year was unexceptionally large, and yet it was insufficient for general agricultural purposes, such agriculture in countries remote from the sea requiring from 40 to 50 inches. By dint of the greatest care and utilizing all the available season, Gen. Hazen succeeded in making a garden with the following results:

> Potatoes, native corn, cabbage, early-sown turnips, early peas, early beans, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, and asparagus have grown abundantly and matured. Melons, pumpkins, and squashes have not matured. Tomatoes did not turn red; American corn (early) reached to roasting ears. Onions, with wheat and oats, matured at Fort Berthold, D. T., 150 miles below, on the Missouri River.

This garden, it should be stated, was immediately on the river bank, only two feet above high water. To raise flowers it required a daily sprinkling of three barrels of water on a garden 10 feet by 40, for which he was repaid with about three weeks of flowers.

Respecting the agricultural value of the country, Gen. Hazen says:

> After leaving the excellent wheat-growing valley of the Red River of the North, following westward 1,000 miles to the Sierras, excepting the very limited bottoms of the small streams, as well as those of the Missouri and Yellowstone, from a few yards in breadth to an occasional water-washed valley of one or two miles, and the narrow valleys of the streams of Montana already settled, and a small area of timbered country in Northwest Idaho (probably one-fiftieth of the whole), this country will not produce the fruits and cereals of the East for want of moisture, and can in no way be artificially irrigated, and will not, in our day and generation, sell for one penny an acre, except through fraud or ignorance; and most of the land here excepted will have to be irrigated artificially.

We have in these facts the statement of an unprejudiced army officer, himself a practical farmer, who has had eighteen years' military experience on the frontier, confirmed by the scientific explorations of Gen. Warren, of the Engineer Corps, and Prof. Hayden, to offset against the enthusiastic descriptions of magazine-writers, and the unprincipled assertions of bondsellers. The public will have little difficulty in choosing between the two, and bondholders will now realize, if they never have before, that they are holding bonds secured by lands which are not worth a penny an acre, swept by pitiless storms in winter, freezing man and beast, parched and dried up in summer, and incapable of cultivation except by irrigation. This is the character of the country beyond the Red River, in which Jay Cooke & Co. proposed to establish their great Northern Empire and develop their populous States. In view of the real character of this country as compared with the statements which have been made by interested parties, it is little wonder that Gen. Hazen concludes his letter with these indignant words:

> I have no personal feelings in this matter, since, rather on the contrary, the railroads in these Western countries ameliorate the condition of troops serving here; but I would prefer to see these roads based upon honesty and the needs of the country, commensurate with their cost. Nor can I see much difference between the man who, in business, draws a check upon a bank where he has no money, and selling bonds secured by lands that have no value.

Our inquiring correspondents, we presume, are sufficiently answered by the facts which we have gleaned from Gen. Hazen's letter. There is one ray of comfort, however, in all this gloomy prospect, contained in Gen. Hazen's evidence to those holding these bonds to change them into good lands now owned by the road in the Valley of the Red River of the North and east of that point, as the only means of saving themselves from total loss.

THE RAILWAY QUESTION IN WISCONSIN.

The railway question is engaging the attention of the Wisconsin Legislature. Fortunately, in this State, there is no question as to the *right* of the Legislature to regulate railway charges. We say fortunately, because the right being conceded, under the terms of the State Constitution in force before the railways were built, the Legislature and people are likely to approach the subject without passion, and the railway men, on the other hand, are likely to enter the discussion more frankly than if both parties were to meet first in an angry dispute about rights. Nothing could be more unfortunate than the first collision between the Legislature and the railways in Illinois. The latter said, in substance, "We will not allow our right to manage our own business to be brought in question." Of course, amicable discussion on such a basis was impossible, and both parties got farther and farther apart as time rolled on.

In Wisconsin, however, the railway companies are, in a legal point of view, at the mercy of the Legislature. Hence they have a far better chance to secure a fair hearing and a reasonable decision than if they were defendants in a lawsuit, with the State for plaintiff. There is no provocation and no opportunity for passion or ill-feeling. The Legislative Committees invite both sides to present their arguments, and are seemingly disposed to render a verdict according to the evidence. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company yesterday made their statement in opposition to what is known as the Henderson *pro rata* bill before the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly. We print this document, and invite attention to it as a very thoughtful and dispassionate array of facts and figures, whose interest is not by any means confined to the State of Wisconsin. The Company state, among other things, that their freight charges, instead of being increased, have been reduced by a regular percentage each year; that their stock has never been watered a dollar; that their various lines of road were operated several years without dividends, and that, since they commenced paying dividends, they have paid less than 5 per cent per annum average. They say also that, if required by a *pro rata* bill to relinquish their Minnesota and West Wisconsin traffic, where they meet the competition of the Mississippi River, they will be compelled either to charge higher rates on all other traffic, or to carry at a loss.

A FIFTY-DOLLAR REFORMER.

The pivot upon which the movements of the women in Ohio against whisky turn is Dr. Dio Lewis, of Boston, and the pivot works for the handsome stipend of $50 per diem. In past years Dr. Dio Lewis has devoted his attention to the cultivation of the female muscle. He has chosen the female muscle because all his labors have been in the interests of women. He established a girls' school in New England, in which he taught the young ladies how to jump and run, and lift, row, wrestle, and spar. For a time he prospered, and his calisthenic institution developed a squad of young women who were the terror of faint-hearted young gentlemen, and to whom no suitor would make advances unless he was well-armed. Then, when the school waned and the young women got tired of cultivating their muscle, and making flying-leaps, and walking matches against time, he set himself to writing books and publishing magazines, still devoted to the female muscle. When the women got tired of these everlasting appeals to muscle, he switched off to dietary theories, and, still keeping the women in view, advised them to eschew good square meals of potatoes, beef, and puddings. By dint of perseverance and unwearied exertion, he succeeded in inducing several wretched victims to forego the pleasures of appetite and content themselves with crusts, bran bread, and four or five beans per diem, and then, after spoiling their appetites, set them adrift in an unfeeling world without the consolation, sympathy, and encouragement which lie hidden in beefsteaks and plum-pudding. This could not last long, however. The female mind rebelled against crusts, even if they did tend to develop the female muscle, and, longing for the good things of the larder, they gradually broke away from his lean theories and mental gruel, and it became necessary for Dio Lewis to switch off upon another track. He has now broken out in Ohio, and for $50 per diem is enlisting women for the whisky crusade. He does nothing himself except to plan the raids from one country town to another. In other words, he "authorizes" the women at $50 per diem, and, as a consequence, stops usually but one day in a place. If he stays two, then he delivers a lecture to the women, for which he gets $100 extra. His *modus operandi* is very familiar to our readers. He arrives in the village in the morning, summons the women together, informs them they must get a movable ark of the tabernacle, and then lays out a programme of prayer and psalm with which to besiege the saloons, beer-gardens, drug-stores, doctors' offices, and other places where fluid comfort is sold. The ark is to stay at each place until it becomes a car of Juggernaut and crushes the victim under its wheels, and will then move on to a new place. Time being precious and women plenty, the Doctor does not wait to see how the thing works, but strikes out for the next village to get his next $50.

Thus the great cause of temperance goes on swimmingly, except that, now and then, the ark has run against snags in the shape of legal injunctions, for which the Doctor makes no provision. He gets his $50 for launching the ark, not for getting them off snags. It is paying the Doctor handsomely, but is he earning his money? Ought not the women whom he enlists in the cause to stipulate that he shall do a little of the praying and singing, and help haul the ark? If he won't consent to help, and do some of the kneeling in the mud, and get showered by the contents of some of the beer-kegs which have been worked up to the bursting point by irate Tentons, then his price ought to be cut down. A first-class temperance reformer ought to be paid a good price, but Dr. Dio Lewis is getting too much. Inasmuch as the women do all the work, he ought to be more moderate in his figures, especially considering the fact that he has the monopoly of the female business, and other fellows can't come in and compete with him.

USURY LAWS.

The Legislature is trying to find out what sort of a usury law it ought to pass. The best thing it can do is to repeal all existing acts on the subject, and let men buy and sell money, as they do other merchandise, without State interference. A loan of money differs in no respect from the loan of a house, the loan of a horse, the loan of furniture, of books, of a piano, or anything else, for hire. The possession of money gives the possessor the right to command anything in the market for sale. It has a wider range of command than a house, or a horse, or a piano, but in its nature, as an object of hire, is in no wise different.

A law regulating interest concerns directly three parties,—the borrower, the lender, and the State. It harms them all. Suppose the legal rate of interest is 6 per cent, and that money is worth 7. In such an event, the borrower cannot get a loan at 6, despite the law's commands. If the law is enforced, he cannot get a loan even at the fair rate of 7. For a capitalist must be indemnified for the risk of forfeiture incurred by lending money at rates above the legal limit. Interest always varies with risk. So the borrower must give not only what would be the rate were there no law, but something besides, to pay the lender for the danger involved in breaking the law. Such an act raises the rate of interest in another way. By making it illegal to sell money at its full value, it drives capital to places where it can be freely employed. Thus the supply of loans is diminished, while the demand, remaining substantially unchanged, forces up the price. Such acts, then, though especially designed to make it easy for the poor to borrow, tend to put it entirely out of their power to do so. Usury laws clash with the interests of the lender because they fix an arbitrary maximum value on what he has to sell. With equal justice might the State say: "Beef shall never be sold for more than 5 cents a pound," or "The use of a piano shall never be sold for more than 2 cents a month," and declare, as it does declare, "The use of a dollar shall never be sold for more than 6 cents a year." Usury laws conflict with the true interests of the State, because they are foreign to its rightful functions, cannot be enforced, and so tend to bring all law into contempt. Since, then, such enactments, instead of lowering the cost of money, raise it; since they diminish the supply of loans and so tend to cripple business; since they press with especial hardship on the poor; since they practically confiscate part of the property of every money-owner by making it illegal for him to sell his property at the market-price, whenever that price exceeds a certain arbitrary rate; and since they interfere needlessly and offensively with private affairs, encourage law-breaking, and tend to bring all law into contempt, the best advice to Legislatures about to pass them is—Don't!

GRAIN WAREHOUSES IN MILWAUKEE.

The warehouse business has been conducted in Milwaukee, and is now especially so conducted, as to provoke popular indignation, leading to legislative interference. The grain warehouses in Milwaukee are all owned by the railways, who maintain a monopoly by refusing to lay down tracks to any other elevators than their own. Some years ago they leased these elevators to Mr. Angus Smith, their rental being 50 per cent of the sums received for storage. It is but just to Mr. Smith to say that his administration of the business was very creditable; the charges were high; but the management and care of the grain, and the integrity of the business, were above reproach. The railroads have since taken possession of the elevators, and are now operating them. Gen. West, a member of the Wisconsin Legislature, who has charge of the bill pending before that body to regulate the rates of storage in public warehouses, has made a report, in which he proves that the present charges are excessive. All the grain reaching Milwaukee is, "without the advice or consent of the owner or consignee, dumped into any one of their elevators that the company may see fit to send it to, being weighed in by the interested agents of the elevator-owners at just such weight as they see fit to give." The present price for storing grain in Milwaukee is 2 cents a bushel for not over twenty days, and for every additional ten days or part thereof one-half of 1 cent per bushel. The bulk of the grain does not remain in store over five days, so that the average per bushel the year through is from 2¾ to 2¾ cents per bushel on all that goes in. The average amount of grain received during 1870, '71, and '72 was 20,000,000 bushels; in 1873 it was 32,000,000 bushels. Taking the first average, the receipts for storage would be $800,000 a year. After allowing for interest on capital, working expenses, repairs, and taxes, Mr. West estimates the annual profit on the storage of 20,000,000 bushels at $620,000 a year. The bill before the Legislature proposes to reduce the rates two-fifths.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois has given additional impetus to the effort in Wisconsin to regulate this warehouse monopoly, and to prescribe a maximum rate for storage. If we understand the bill, it further makes it the duty of the railroads to permit connection with its tracks from all elevators, and compels them to deliver grain to whatever warehouse it may be consigned.

In the matter of pure native impudence, Mr. E. K. Winship, the defaulting New York broker, verges upon the sublime. Early in November this gentleman mysteriously disappeared, leaving behind him liabilities to the amount of $400,000, and no assets. Mr. Winship went to Europe, and instructed his attorneys to circulate a petition praying his creditors to pledge themselves not to arrest him upon either a civil or criminal suit. The grounds upon which mercy is asked are, that the dishonesty implied by his hurried departure is offset by his return, and that he ought to have a chance to redeem himself. The petition might have been successful had not some facts relative to the petitioner's private life come to light. These revelations have set his creditors against him, and they threaten to arrest him without mercy. Meantime Mr. Winship, relying upon their clemency, has returned to New York, and expressed a regret that he ever left the city.

Providence be praised! The last Cashier who robbed his bank gagged himself, and lost the vault-keys after a desperate fight with unnumbered "men in buckram," has been promptly arrested and held for trial. His name is Williams and his home is Connellsville, Pa. His fate will be a frightful warning to other Cashiers who are debating whether they had better abscond at once or be maltreated by mythical robbers who steal the securities before their very eyes—and, in fact, with their very hands. The game has been played too often. The man who expects to have such a story believed hereafter must kill himself in the struggle, and so seal the faith of other people with his blood.

The perpetrators of the atrocious murders at Limours, France, have been discovered in the most extraordinary manner. After the police authorities had almost given up the pursuit of the murderers in despair, the citizens of Limours were disturbed by the disappearance of a letter-carrier named Desire. After a long search he was found by the police, dead, at the foot of a tree, having strangled himself with his own handkerchief. In his mail-bag was found a letter in which he declares himself innocent of the murders, and makes known the names of the real assassins, five in number: Lebeuf, a butcher in Paris; Girard, of Limours, his father-in-law; one Guillemard; Proquet, of Angervilliers, and the wine-seller of Angervilliers. This information was followed up by the immediate arrest of all the parties named. Lebeuf is of gigantic stature, and bears a strong resemblance to King Victor Emanuel, who will doubtless feel flattered at the coincidence. A club belonging to Lebeuf has been discovered, with pieces of human hair adhering to it, and was doubtless the weapon used in the commission of the murders. The object of the assassins was plunder, and the atrocity of the murders is not mitigated by the insignificance of the amounts obtained by them.

One of the religious papers of this city, in its issue of Feb. 5, says:

> Our attention has been called to the appointment of an assignation through that paper [THE TRIBUNE] with a young girl who is in attendance upon one of our high schools.

Candor compels us to characterize this statement as a religious lie. The advertisement referred to is as follows:

> Madison street car eastward bound, Friday morning, half-past 8. Young lady stopped at Scammon School and bowed to young gentlemen standing up; if agreeable, address K 95, Tribune office.

We do not approve of the forming of acquaintances in this way, and the advertisement in question would not have been inserted if it had been subjected to the usual scrutiny, but to call it an "appointment of an assignation" is evidence of an impure mind.

Some statistics recently published by the Manchester Board of Guardians show that the desertion by workingmen of their families is not by any means an unusual mode adopted by the Briton for obtaining permanent freedom. In one year, 312 workmen deserted 623 wives and children, and 191 of these independent gentry escaped capture. Wages have been higher in Manchester during this time, but it is found that "when wages are high and men can find employment readily, many of them have a strong tendency to leave their homes and wander about in all the eastern windows and bade the revelry cease.

The steps from this on are as marked as those in a minuet. With the first ball came another fiddler, bringing legends of propriety, and form, which were slowly adopted. Then as the first hotel or tavern arose, a band entered upon the scene, and the privilege of clasping a young lady around the waist in the waltz or new-fangled polka was added to the joys of life, and finally we came to those grand balls and masquerades which are the wonder and despair of all the younger generation and mark the beginning of

THE COSMOPOLITAN ERA.

When the Opera-House was built and dedicated to amusement, there were inaugurated a series of grand affairs such as the West had never before seen. Among these, Gilmore's famous Charity Ball takes precedence, by the right of the excitement it created at the time. For days previous great preparations were made. The main auditorium was chosen for the ball-room, the parquette being planked over to a level with the stage, the scenery was removed, and a spacious hall was thus given, commensurate with the other preparations for the fete. The supper was set in Music Hall. The tickets were sold a couple, and as sweet charity was to have the proceeds, "those persons went who never went before, and those who often went, went just once more," and charity did or did not get the benefit of the liberal patronage. After this, there was a grand masquerade ball, under the special leadership of Mr. Estes Balstaks which took a charge of $10 for admission, and scandalized the prudish or conservative good folks. Following upon these were a series of art receptions, and we began to think that at last we were in the temple of art. These were well patronized and many were the nights devoted to chasing the hours with flying feet. Previous to this, however, we had the Board of Trade Banquet and Ball, a crush, a jam, an unappetizing exhibition. Wine flowed in rivers and head-ease haunted business houses for days succeeding. We were growing then fast in pride. Were we not a great people?

Presently we had

A DANCE OF FLAME.

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THE SCENE.

The ball being a highly fashionable affair, guests did not begin to arrive until nearly 9 o'clock, nor did the last reach the hotel until long after 11.

THE CROWD.

By half-past 9, however, the reception-rooms, spacious as they are, were uncomfortably crowded. The long corridors, save one place, were thronged with ladies in fashionable attire. That was in the great ladies' promenade, at the head of the main stairway, where Hoffmann, with a detachment of the Light Guard Band, awaited the signal to open the ball with a burst of melody. So great was the pressure upon the reception-rooms that at 10 o'clock, an hour later than had been named for the commencement of the dancing, many were driven to promenade by those inconvenient but immutable laws which prohibit the crowding into one room of twice the number of persons it will hold. The misfortunes of the lovely Paris who stood at the door of this Paradise of millinery were a gain to the isolated beaux who leaned in patient anguish against the pillars, for the fair ones passed before them in an never-ending review, in dazzling contrast of color and design—we allude to the dresses, not to the owners. A rumor spread rapidly that

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THE ATTENDANCE.

who are familiar with the arrange- of the Grand Pacific Hotel will pared to learn that the number of Parks who were distributed over the floor of that building was very large. laimed by some of the officers of the t, at about 12 o'clock, there were 1,200 present. This may be an excessive esti- ut it is certain there were fully 1,000.

THE DANCE.

THE DECORATIONS

dancing-room were graceful and in ex- sts. Between the chandeliers, which ar the corners of the room, were festoons rs, two between each pair, and from the the ceiling where the festoons met, askets of delicate blossoms. Choice were placed around the room, on the and window-sills, and their combined are delicious. The handsome carpet of y had been carefully covered with uninitiated eye of the reporter, looked At any rate it was very firm in tex- hite and clean, and as smooth and he most Terpsichorean guest could

THE HEATS.

e was any defect in the arrangement it the paucity of seats, but, as the various n the main floor of the enormous build- all thrown open, this deficiency was not if felt at all. Of course the same t law which sent guests promenading ball opened operated in the ball- ach so that after the first dance, Mr. unced to the dancers that

AN OPPOSITION BALL

started the main promenade, which to the relief of all present. The ords ng was as follows:

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	Here and There
ders	Fourth Wetzgerian
	Covent Garden

THE SCENIC EFFECT.

ntial things dances are all alike in al ball-room, where beauty, fashion, mu d modisterie are represented at their f a spectator perched up near the ceil- e must have been bewildering; the change and interchange of varying ich followed the time of music garden of flowers swept e, the kaleidoscopic combinations, the of varied tints into groups, and the of the individual shades again, must o anybody so blessed in position as l person suggested, the very poetry in which people talk about the very f sensuous pleasure. Music, color, notion, and the sense of pervading co- must have made the scene one of ty. Unfortunately the room was so this all had to be imagined

than witnessed. The eye of the spectator could not more penetrate the throng of moving forms than a wall, and an idea of what was happening in the middle of the room could only be formed from the small area under one's immediate eye.

TOILETTES.

Conspicuous among the most elegant of the toilettes present we noticed a dress composed of two shades of lavender, or rather a pale, delicate shade that our grandmother's admired and dressed stately minuets in, and the deeper shade approaching a mauve, which has been more generally worn by the belles of later years. The dress itself was the new modification of the Gabrielle, known as a Gabrielle with puffed train. The front was made in entire gored breadths, while it was cut off in the back, fastened behind, and the waist cut in long, soft points. The dress itself was of the pale shade and trimmed with the darker hue. Passing entirely around the bottom of the dress, which was the fashionable demi-train, was first a box-plaited ruffle of the dark silk about six inches wide, the plaits about two inches broad and a finger apart. Above this was a very close side-plaited trimming of the dress material, a trifle wider than the one which ornamented the bottom. Above this again was a wide, slightly shirred flounce of the dress silk, about a quarter of a yard in depth, trimmed with a two-inch binding of the darker silk on the bottom, and finished at the top with double pipings of the same. The Worth puffles in the back were of the two shades of silk, beneath which was looped a sash of the trimming silk. This had the edges raveled, while the ends were fringed out to the depth of a quarter of a yard and tied into a knotted heading, the soft flossy fringe thus made finishing it. This charming sash, the prettiest idea of modern fashion, was fastened at the side with a large mother-of-pearl buckle. The side-breadths had two revers of silk shaped like a scalene triangle, and edged with a narrow side-plaiting and pipings of the dark silk. One side was ornamented with a bouquet of tea roses just beneath the sash knot and buckle. The front was trimmed with a broad spiral or jabot of fine black Chantilly, extending from the top of the corsage to the trimming on the front of the dress. The corsage, which was a half high square-neck, both back and front, was edged with a ruff of lace. The long pointed back was fastened with embroidered buttons. The sleeves, fitting the arm to the elbow were edged with a ruffle of the silk, bound and corded with the darker shade. Over this fell a ruffle of the Chantilly, while beneath a wide flounce of Valenciennes completed the trimming, with the exception of straps formed of narrow folds of the darker silk, which extended from the outer seam on the upper part of the sleeve, and were finished in mitred points.

AN ELEGANT DRESS

worn by a matron was a superb black faille, trimmed with that unique shade, neither pink nor salmon, but the lovely tint which glows in the heart of a sea-shell. The skirt of this robe, demi-train, was trimmed on the bottom with a very wide flounce of the black silk, lined with the rosy shell color. At the inner vails of a quarter of a yard this was folded in very deep triple box-plaits fastened about an eighth of a yard from the top. They were then turned over and downward so as to show the pink lining, and produce the effect of double spirals on each plait. The intervening spaces were ornamented with artistic bows and ends of the two colors of silk, fringed out to the edges. The back had the fashionable puffles, the sash being fastened beneath one of these and gracefully dropped at the side. The front had an overskirt cut in two deep points, trimmed with a milliner's fold of the shell silk and Chantilly lace about three inches in width. The corsage was pointed in front, and had a plaited basque-back, lined with the light silk, and turned back in a similar manner to the skirt-trimming. Two points fell over it toward the side, and were corded with shell-colored silk. A bow of the two shades of silk finished it at the waist-line. The neck was finished with a broad revers collar, above which was a very deeply plaited Medici ruff of the black silk, lined with the lighter one. The folds thus formed being nearly a finger deep at the back of the neck. Inside this was a second ruff of plaited tulle. The sleeves, coat-shaped to the elbow, and finished with a Marie Antoinette ruffles, were lined with the shell color, edged with Chantilly lace, and finished with bows of the two shades of silk. A more elegant costume for a matron could scarcely be imagined.

A BLACK TULLE DRESS,

which has been so favorably received and fashionably worn this winter, had the demi-train finished with a succession of puffs and ruffles. The low corsage was cut with an extremely narrow Pompadour or square front only two inches broad. This was finished with plaitings and puffings of tulle. A band passed across the front of the hair while an aigrette and fine pink buds, finished it at the back.

MISS BELLE PORTER

wore an exquisite peach blossom silk. The tablier was trimmed on the bottom with a triple box-plaited flounce of tarletan, nine inches wide. A shirred silk flounce, the lower edge pinked, was above this, the whole finished with a heading of box-plaited tarletan, with a box-plaited heading. The overskirt fell in a deep point on the left side, and the front was of silk, with a triple box-plaited trimming about five inches deep. Above this was a silk flounce, shirred and headed with a box-plaiting of tulle, while small bunches of dark leaves were placed at intervals of two or three inches throughout the heading. A pouche completed the side. The train was first ornamented with a side plaiting, then a shirred ruffle of the silk, then a puff of tarletan, with a wide plaited heading, with puffs above that nearly to the waist. The back of the overskirt was of tarletan, finished with a 4-inch wide side plaiting of tarletan, above which was a third puff of the silk an eighth of a yard wide. This was cut pointed, but looped at one side to make it full in a point behind the plaits. The whole was ornamented with the sprays of rich dark foliage—arranged in garlands on one side and in drooping sprays on the other. The basque was a postillion, the sleeves short puffs, while the muckings at the neck were ornamented with little bunches of the foliage, with full sprays in front. A wreath passed also from one shoulder over the short puffed sleeve into the armhole.

MISS LU STAGER

wore a white silk, the entire tablier being covered with shirred puffs. The train had two bias ruffles, each shirred three times on a cord, and finished at the edge with a French fold. The corsage of white silk had a very narrow square neck. The over-dress was a plain polonaise of gaze de Chambery cut very long, and finished with a quilling of the material and a heavy white silk fringe, the whole caught back with flowers. Sleeves to the elbow were finished with tulle and fringe.

MRS. ALBERT CRANE

wore a mauve satin dress, cut Gabrielle, with a pouffe in the back of the train. The neck was finished with exquisite ruffles turning upward, of wide Chantilly on the outside, then ruchings of crepe lisse, a standing ruff of finest Point d'Alencon, and inside of that a fraise of tulle. The sleeves were half drapery, cut in points, and trimmed with the Chantilly and point laces to match the neck, while above all was a trimming of folded points and a standing ruffle. A fine Chantilly overskirt, not the usual point, but a lace tunic, intended only for that purpose, was draped with flowers of coral hue. The ornaments were corals.

MRS. B. F. ALLEN

wore a long-trained dress of black velvet, the back drawn up in a pouffe. This was draped with a wide double faille sash, fastened at the side with a jet buckle. The postillion basque had the pointed back edged with wide Chantilly. Over this were wide basques, opening to the waist, finished also with the Chantilly, which passed around the bottom and up the front, encircling the neck. This was placed over box-plaited tulle, while the whole was headed with fine jet passementerie. The neck was finished with a fraise of plaited tulle and mauve crepe lisse. The neck was cut square. The sleeve was finished like the body, the lace passing around it and over the upper side in a curve, where it was finished with a bow.

Another Mrs. Allen wore a beautiful coral silk, trimmed around the square neck with wide-point applique. The fraise was finished with a coral ribbon in the edge. The sleeves had ruffles of point applique, and were ornamented with bows. Revers on the side were also completed with large bows. An exquisite Chantilly was draped from one shoulder and caught up on the skirt with a garniture of roses.

MISS ALLEN

wore a lovely dress of striped silk, peach-blossom and white, each of the inch-wide stripes edged with a tiny line of blue. The tablier was of blue silk in diagonal puffs, half-way up the front. Over this was a double overskirt of the striped silk, caught high on one side, falling diagonally across the tablier. This was edged with a fringe of the peach-blossom and white, with drop buttons of the blue about an inch apart. A trimming of moss delicate blue feathers headed this and passed down around the train. The basque was of the striped silk, with elbow-sleeves of blue. A broad trimming of point applique, which formed a collar and vest, finished the front, while the sleeves were also trimmed with point applique ruffles. The whole was finished with the dainty feather-trimming, while a few forget-me-nots in the ruching at the neck completed this exquisite toilette.

MRS. E. B. SACHETT

wore a lavender silk. The tablier was of white satin laid in deep plaits which turned upward; while the bottom was finished with a five-inch side-plaiting. The train was simply corded, but had large puffs in the back.

On one side of the tablier a trimming of folded points, forming shells, was placed in a semi-circular form. On the other side a line of the same trimming ran vertically from the waist to the hem, while a latticing of milliner's folds a little distance from it finished it. A pocket, formed of the milliner's folds, and edged with plaited tulle, hung at one side. The corsage was cut in a large, open fan at the back, so disposed as to show the white satin lining. This was trimmed with the finest Point d'Alencon. A low, square vest of the satin completed this very distinguished costume.

AN APRICOT SILK,

the tablier finished with a wide flounce at the bottom, with scalloped bands headed by folds placed above it in deep points, and following this line in alternation to the waist-high corsage and elbow sleeves; the train caught up in a pouffe with sashes, and finished with a wide gathered flounce, headed by a unique shell-shaped trimming and two standing bands of scallops; a scalloped gauze flounce above this bound with the silk, then scalloped silk flounces, the whole finished under the pouffe. Tea roses in the hair.

A black gauze dress over a black faille, had trimmings of ciel-blue and Chantilly lace, a watteau bow in the back, and the sides draped with sprays of dark-blue flowers, foliage, and grapes.

MISS MAGDOUGAL,

in a blue silk slip, with trained over-dress of Paris muslin and Valenciennes in elaborate puffs, insertion, and flouncings. Hair in puffs with damask roses and blue leaves. Roses and convolvuli at the neck.

A BLUE SILK SLIP

with a wide embroidered flounce of India muslin. Over-dress embroidered to match and looped with a wide blue sash and roses. High postillion basque with raise.

ROSE-COLORED SILK

court train over white faille robe, covered with tulle-revers, faced with white, and trimmed with side plaitings to match the trimming on the train; vest and basque of pink silk; sleeves of white faille, with trimmings of pink; sash of pink, draped at the side with bouquets of roses.

ONE LADY

wore a dress of mauve silk, over which was a full robe of finest black Chantilly lace,—very plain, but very distinguished.

A BLUE SILK

with Paris muslin overdress. The underskirt trimmed with vertical puffs and Valenciennes insertion, finished with a side-plaiting of organdy. The overskirt, looped high on the side, was similarly trimmed, as was the basque. A broad sash of pink passed around the skirt below the waist, and was fastened behind.

A MAUVE SILK

had the tablier finished with three bands across the front, slightly pointed, and edged with milliner's folds of white, while the bottom of each was trimmed with ruffles of point applique. The train puffed and looped with sashes. Waist trimmed with bands, and lace trimming to match the skirt.

MRS. HENRY GREENEBAUM

wore a dress of rich black faille over blue, the front embroidered in bands of exquisite flowers and finished with rich lace; a broad blue sash draped at the side most artistically completed this costume.

A DEEP GROSAILLE SILK,

trimmed with a delicate faon. The tablier was of alternate folds of the grosaille and faon about two inches wide. Revers of the faon, and deep-pointed corsage of the latter shade, with sleeves of the grosaille. A Medici ruff of faon, lined with grosaille, and sashes in the same combination. Train perfectly plain, the beauty of the dress consisting in its simplicity, and the unique combination of colors.

A CHAMBERY GAUZE

in ecru stripes was worn by a young lady. A bias flounce finished the bottom, while broad black velvet bands embroidered in colors passed across the front and finished the overskirt. These were edged with lace, the same trimming finishing the low, square-cut corsage.

AN APRICOT SILK

had the train cut in deep scallops and bound with velvet. The tablier was of jetted lace, the vertical puffs separated by broad bands of velvet. A drapery of the lace fell from the shoulder, formed an overdress, and was finished with wide Spanish lace.

A LEMON-COLORED SILK

had a wide box-plaiting around the train, passing up to the waist, where it was narrowed to a proper width. Tulle puffs were above these. The whole was charmingly ornamented with vines of autumn leaves.

A WHITE GAZE DE CHAMBERY,

the train trimmed with four or five-inch flounces, the overdress of striped gaze de Chambery, while the tablier was composed of narrower flounces, the whole ornamented with sprays of coral velvet leaves and a coral colored feather fan, which was particularly noticeable.

A dove-colored striped gazé de Chambery was enlivened with scarlet trimmings.

MISS COWLES, OF CLEVELAND,

wore a green silk dress, beautifully trimmed with white gaze de Chambery, looped with bouquets of roses.

MRS. WASHINGTON HESING

is a beautiful buff silk, and her friend Mrs. Barrow in mauve silk covered with tulle, were adjusting to be perfectly tasteful, and also distinguished for the artistic beauty of their robes.

A white satin dress, with blue and white brocade over-dress, finished with deep fringe, the waist covered with a tulle fichu that fastened in the back, was very stylish.

OTHER DRESSES.

Mrs. Doane was dressed in white silk and black velvet, trimmed with Chantilly a half a yard deep.

Mrs. Fassett wore white silk and black lace.

A black velvet-dress with plaitings of mauve satin, point lace, and wreath, of mauve flowers; the coiffure of mauve flowers was very elegant.

A coral silk with wide flounces of point lace was remarkable for its richness and beauty.

MRS. R. C. MELDRUM

wore a black and pearl colored dress, cut demi-train, with the back en pouffe. Sashes lined with pearl color, looped this, and were fringed out so as to show both colors. These were edged with heavy milliner's folds of both colors. It passed from under the pouffe, was caught to the waist, and fell from there with charming effect. On one side of the tablier was broad vertical box-plaiting of pearl-colored silk, with three narrower ones covering the first side gore. The wide plait was ornamented with very large buttons embroidered, giving the skirt the appearance of being fastened down that seam. The tablier was plaited in deep folds turning up and so arranged as to form a slight diagonal. The other side was finished with a black silk revers edged with a box-plaiting lined with pearl and finished with a fold. Wide bows were on this side. At the back was a 10-inch gathered ruffle, shirred and faced, headed by a box-plaiting of black lined with pearl color, which was folded over and buttoned down. The postillion was rounded in front, and was of a peculiar fan shape in the back, displaying the lining. A double collar in unique style, and sleeves to match. Bows, also of two colors, with buttons in various size, completed the trimming.

THE SUPPER.

Dancing was maintained almost uninterruptedly until 12 o'clock, when a procession was formed once more, the supper-room being the object of attack.

THE DINING-ROOM.

It is the boast of this enlightened city that the dining-room of the Grand Pacific is the finest thing of the kind in the city. Unfortunately for the world in general, it was not able to see how this claim was established last night. It was, in a word, a wonder of brightness, good taste, and spaciousness. The 56 tables were arranged in rows, each to seat 8 persons. The 110 waiters had, at a touch of the bell, arranged themselves in a sable row along the walls, waiting immovably the signal to commence their duties.

THE TABLE

was decorated with flowers in rich branching stands, and with fancy dishes which were not dummy dishes, but good solid tables. On one table a group of pigeons stood looking at one another in silent astonishment. Touch them, and the plumage fell aside, revealing that delicate triumph of modern triumph, boned-pigeon. Every table had some surprise upon it.

The whole room looked like one of those pictures in the "Arabian Nights," where a host of unnecessary Kings and Princesses sit down to a magic repast, and the line of dark figures on each side of the vast room favored the illusion. Then came

THE GREATEST SURPRISE.

When Mr. Daniel Lawlor touched his bell, the line of sable waiters suddenly marched in grim silence toward the door, and vanished as if by enchantment. While the guests were wondering what had become of them, they all re-appeared, as if they had been pushed out by machinery. Their gait this time was rapid, and showed they meant something. So they evidently did. They brought in the first course, and the guests set to. The different courses came and went in the same way, at the touch of the bell. Following is

THE MENU.

Oysters on Shell.
Hot Dishes.
OYSTERS.

Stewed. Fried in crumbs.
Fried in butter. Escalloped, plain.
Escalloped in shell.

ORNAMENTAL DISHES.

Galantine of Turkey, en Bellevue.
Pattie of Liver with Jelly.
Mayonnaise of Chicken.
Pate de fois gras en Tarcane.
Cogan Farce au Truffe.
Lobster, Salad, garnished.
Domestic Pigeon en plume.

COLD DISHES.

Roast Turkey.	Boiled Chicken.	Roast Chicken.
Roast Ham.	Boiled Turkey.	Boiled Tongue.
Wild Turkey.	Prairie Chicken.	Quail.
Partridges.	Saddle of Antelope.	
Charlotte Russe.		Fancy Cake.
Meringues a la creme.		Candied Fruit.
Assorted Cake.	Confectionery.	
	Macaroons.	
Apples.		Oranges.
Figs.	Walnuts.	Almonds.
Raisins.	Grapes.	Peas.
Strawberry Ice-Cream.		
Vanilla Ice-Cream.		
Lemon Ice-Cream.		
Orange Water-Ice.		
Roman Punch.		
Tea.		Coffee.

TILL DAWN.

Dancing was resumed after supper, and the cold, gray light of morning must have found several carriages rattling merrily toward their stables, having but just discharged their occupants.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Reduction of Freights by the Baltimore & Ohio Road.

The War with the Union Pacific Still Going On.

FREIGHT MATTERS.

THE BALTIMORE & OHIO.

The latest phase in the railroad war between the Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania Roads is the cutting of freight rates from the East to the West on the former line. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will hereafter carry freights from New York to Chicago at the following rates:

First class, 65c; second class, 65c; third class, 60c; fourth class, 50c; special, 40c. The freight business on this road has largely increased during the last two months, and, if the rumor that the rates from this city to the East have also been cut proves true, there is no doubt that their freight-business will, in a short time, compare favorably with that of any other road in the country.

THE UNION PACIFIC.

The fight between the roads in this city and the Union Pacific Railroad grows hotter every day, both sides holding their ground stubbornly, and neither being willing to give an inch. As the matter stands at present it is hard to tell which side will come out victorious. No arrangement has yet been perfected by the Freight-Agent of the Union Pacific with those of the Southern roads, and it does not seem probable that any will be, the St. Louis roads having taken the same position as the Chicago ones and also demanding pro rata rates. In the meanwhile the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago & Northwestern, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroads are perfecting arrangements to take their California freight to New York and ship it via the Pacific Mail Steamship Company which, they claim will be cheaper than shipping it via the Union Pacific. It is generally claimed that Mr. Vinin, the General Freight Agent of the Union Pacific, is making this fight against the wishes of his superior officers and for the purpose of personal notoriety and aggrandizement.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE CHICAGO & SOUTH ATLANTIC.

The Rensselaer (Ind.) *Union* publishes a letter from Dr. Haymond, President of the above mentioned road, in regard to what progress is making in the State of Indiana. It is as follows:

MONTICELLO, Ind., Jan. 30, 1874.

Col. J. Healey:

DEAR SIR: In pursuance to recent instructions from the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad Company, I am now calling upon all the counties in the State along the line of the proposed road, to have their subsidies in aid of the enterprise raised against the 1st of April. The Company designs to commence work on this branch of the road early in the spring, if the quotas of the several counties are raised. The C. & S. A. R. R. are ready to comply with the contract as soon as the people have done their duty. The question is now referred to the people, and prompt action on their part will immediately secure the building of the road. I have been urgently requested to hurry up the work of raising the quotas, and now call upon your county for its aid. Prompt action of the people's interested along the line will be all doubts concerning the building of the road. . . . If your people want this road, they must move soon in the matter. Very respectfully yours,

W. S. HAYMOND.

BOSTON.

A Final Blow to the Hopes of the Aspiring Committee Women.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 10.—The School Board last evening, after a long debate, refused to reconsider their previous action relative to the admission of ladies to members' di. The vote stood 25 in favor to 67 against. The gallant little contingent who favored the former vote have aroused a more decided opposition to the ladies, the former vote being 46 to 35. This will probably end the matter for the present.

SPRINGFIELD.

An Uproarious Time in the House Over the Railroad Bill.

Schedules Hereafter Prepared to Be Prima Facie Evidence.

The Proposition to Abolish the Railroad Commission Voted Down.

The Bill Finally Ordered to a Third Reading.

Conference of Railroad Officers on the Subject of State Taxation.

"Irregularities" in Connection with the State Printing.

Reduction of Passenger Rates by the Toledo, Wabash & Western Road.

TRANSPORTATION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—The Railroad bill being up in the House, Mr. Hart moved to amend by inserting the words "or which may hereafter be" between the words heretofore and prepared, so that changes in the present schedules may be legal. It was adopted.

Mr. Henry offered an amendment that "said schedules shall in no way affect the charges for the transportation of freight or passengers in transit across the State, or into or out of the State." He made a speech in favor of his amendment, arguing that the Legislature should not do anything to interfere with through rates which would discriminate against the people and interests of the State. Mr. Hildrup believed the amendment foreign to the bill under consideration, which was cumulative of the eighth section of the existing law, while the amendment was an amendment to the third section of the law. He had a bill presented by the gentleman from Bond (Jones) amending the third section in the way desired by the gentleman from Bond (Henry), and the Railroad Committee was in favor of passing it. Mr. Shaw believed the Railroad Commissioners erred in their decision that the law applied to Interstate or through rates. It would be ruinous to the Northwest if every State could regulate or in any way transmel commerce among the States. He did not believe there was any use in specifying in schedules if they allowed the Railroad Board to change them at will. They should either make the schedules absolute, or let them take their chances without any attempt at enacting them.

Mr. Rountree spoke in behalf of Chicago, contending that the law, as construed by the Commissioners, interfered with the trade and prosperity of Chicago. He offered the following

AS A SUBSTITUTE

for the amendment:

Provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any freight or passengers being transported across the State, or from any point without this State to any point within this State, or from any point within this State to any point without this State.

Mr. Herrington, to test the sense of the House, moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table, which motion failed to carry.

Here ensued a series of filibustering motions, such as propositions to recess, to report the schedules, to adjourn, and to refer the bill to the Committee on Drainage, the House during an hour or more being in a state of confusion.

A vote was finally taken on the ordering of the bill to a third reading, which was done—83 to 58. Peace reigned for five minutes.

ANOTHER BILL,

embodying the schedules reported from the Committee on Civil-Service, with a recommendation that it do not pass, was taken up as a special order, when the order resumed its way and continued until the roll was called on concurring with the Committee. The House concurred,—71 to 31.

The question upon concurring in the report of the Civil-Service Committee, which was adverse to

ABOLISHING THE RAILROAD BOARD,

Mr. Henry moved the abolition. Mr. Cassady stated that he had been asked by farmers at home how much the railroads had paid the fellows in the Legislature for playing fast and loose. He didn't know as they had forgotten him.

Mr. Johnson believed it would be a calamity to abolish the Board, and so the House thought, by 92 to 19. The House adjourned, and closed a dark day in its history.

WAREHOUSES.

The article on warehouses in Sunday's TRIBUNE has set members thinking. A joint resolution will be introduced, and probably adopted, directing the Railroad Commissioners to compel roads to erect scales at all their stations. The House Warehouse Committee members talk of drawing up a bill, placing the Registrar and his department under the control of the Chief Inspector, who is to be responsible; or preparing a bill regulating the transfer of grain from railroads to warehouses, making the former responsible until receipts are issued by the latter to the consignee.

Mr. Voris had prepared

A PROTEST,

to present as a minority report from the Railroad Committee of the Senate, against the adoption of Donahue's bill to enact the maximum rates. He claims to-night that he has a clear majority of the Committee opposed to the bill. His protest, like himself, is very long and prosy.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

Mr. Carpenter will offer an amendment to the Railroad law to-morrow, consisting of a new reading of the third section. It will provide that higher rates than prescribed by the schedules shall not be charged, but roads may charge as much less as they please. This will permit competition within the limit of the schedules.

THE TOLEDO, WABASH & WESTERN

Road has decided to reduce its passenger rates from 4 to 3 cents a mile on all its branches.

RAILROADS.

THE RAILROADS AND THE TAXES.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—Several prominent railroad lawyers arrived this morning for consultation. Among them are Judge Beckwith, of the St. Louis & Alton Road; Mr. Buxton, of the Ohio & Mississippi; Bayliss Hanna and Col. Dick Thompson, of Indiana, representing the Indianapolis & St. Louis and the Vandalia Roads respectively. One of them said they had long ago given up attempting to shape legislation, that they could not do it without using what the Grangers called "corrupting influence," and that the pressure of a lobby would be like shaking a red flag in the face of a wild bull. They are here to consult as to the means they shall adopt to resist the payment of taxes which will put some of the roads into bankruptcy. The Illinois Southeastern would have held out awhile longer but for the taxes, though it would probably have gone under eventually. The Ohio & Mississippi are assessed at the rate of 7 per cent on the gross earnings. So Mr. Buxton says, and Col. Thompson is of opinion that, if the courts compel payment at the equalized rates, sixtenths of the roads in the State will cease running cars. Many of them cannot borrow money to pay the interest on their bonds. They express themselves ready to pay taxes on a natural increase in values, but a jump of three times the amount of last year's assessment is more than they can stand.

EX-GOV. COX, OF OHIO,

President of the Toledo, Wabash & Western, arrived this forenoon, and with his attorney, Mr. Green, attended the conference. The Illinois & Southeastern was represented by Mr. Knapp. Col. Thompson and Mr. Greene had prepared arguments in their cases, which were read and commented upon. It was decided to furnish each of the gentlemen present with copies, that they might make suggestions and strengthen the arguments, if possible. This will be done this week. It is expected that the cases will be decided in April, when the Supreme Court Judges have decided to meet. The roads are perfectly free to resort to the United States tribunal if they see fit, cooperation being confined to testing the cases before the Supreme Court. The total assessments on railroads in the State, as equalized by the State Board, was $133,806,823. The total value of railroad property in the State, as sworn to by the officers in their returns to the Railroad Commissioners, was $278,886,786.92.

RAILROAD SCHEDULES.

Railroad bills being the special order, the bill prepared by the Railroad Committee to enact the schedules was read, as follows:

A BILL for an act to make the schedules prepared and published by the Railroad and Warehouse Commission prima facie evidence in the several courts of this State.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all schedules of rates for the transportation of freights and passengers and cars upon the different railroads in this State, heretofore prepared by and published by authority of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, as required by law, shall be deemed and taken in all the Courts of this State as prima facie evidence that the rates therein fixed are reasonable maximum rates for the transportation of freights and passengers and cars on said railroads, for which said schedules are prepared. And any such schedule purporting to be prepared and published as aforesaid, shall be received in evidence in all the Courts of this State as the schedules of rates for the transportation of freights and passengers and cars on the railroad or railroads therein named, prepared by and published by authority of said Railroad and Warehouse Commission, without further proof than the production of said schedules, together with a written or printed certificate of said Commission thereto attached, that said schedule was prepared and published by authority of said Commission as required by law: *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be held to repeal, or in any manner affect, any of the provisions contained in an act approved May 2, A. D. 1873, entitled "An act to prevent extortion and unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freights on railroads in this State, and to punish the same, and prescribe mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto; and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to prevent unjust discriminations and extortions in the rates to be charged by the different railroads in this State, for the transportation of freights on said roads,' approved April 7, A. D. 1871."

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared that an emergency exists; therefore this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

FREE PASSES.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, "the bill to prohibit any State or county officer from receiving, holding, or presenting free passes on any railroad running through or into the State," was indefinitely postponed.

RAILROAD-AID BONDS.

The following House bill was passed by the Senate:

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That the liability of all counties, cities, townships, towns, or precincts, which have voted aid, donations, or subscriptions to the capital stock of, or to any railroad company, in conformity to the laws of this State, for the building of or in aid of the building of any railroad to, into, through, or near such county, city, township, town, or precinct, to issue such voted aid, shall cease and determine upon and after the expiration of the term of three years from and after the 1st day of July next; and no bonds shall be issued or stock subscribed to any such railroad company after such time, upon account of or upon the authority of such vote: *Provided*, that this act shall not apply in any case where the express conditions of the vote for such aid extend the time for the aforesaid building beyond the time aforesaid: *And it is further provided*, that it shall not apply in any case where the said voted aid has been or shall be already issued within the period aforesaid, and paid over to such railroad company or their legal representatives, or in any case where any railroad shall have been or shall be built within said period, in accordance with the conditions of the vote for aid to such railroad: *And it is further provided*, that it shall not apply to any case where such aid shall have been or shall be deposited within said period with any Trustee or Trustees, upon written or printed conditions, to be delivered to such railroad company at some future time.

The Senate refused—yeas, 5; nays, 31—to adopt the following amendment, recommended by the Railroad Committee:

At the end of Sec. 1 add: "*Provided further*, that this act shall not be construed so as to require any county, city, township, town, or precinct to issue, pay, or deliver any such aid or bonds where the same may have been voted upon any condition or conditions which were not complied with within the time expressed in the notice of election, proceedings, or vote authorizing such aid to be paid or given."

The bill was passed without the amendment—yeas, 29; nays, 8,—Messrs. Kehoe, Kelly, Lee, and Waite.

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 10.

New York exchange was weaker to-day, with sales at 7½ per $1,000 discount.

The shipments of currency to the wheat-raising sections of the Northwest continue liberal, but the amounts coming in from other parts of the country West and Southwest are about equal to the outward movement.

There seems to be an increase in the supply of money in the markets throughout the country from day to day, and even the most inveterate inflationist must acknowledge that the present condition of the money market is a strong argument against the theory of a deficiency in the volume of currency. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the so-called "$44,000,000 reserve" of greenbacks will be authorized by Congress as part of a minimum of $400,000,000 of greenbacks to be issued, but for a week past there has been scarcely any increase in the amount of outstanding greenbacks, and the fact seems to be demonstrated that there is no excuse for the issue of any more, even as a temporary policy.

PROHIBITION OF INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

Mr. Boutwell's bill, introduced in the Senate yesterday, to prohibit the National Banks from either paying or receiving interest on deposits, represents an idea which has been growing into disfavor with all financiers during the past year: first, because they see that it is not practicable; and second, because it represents a meddlesome policy on the part of the Government in affairs which are better regulated by the laws of supply and demand than by any written statutes. A law regulating or prohibiting interest on deposits is on the same principle as usury laws, which the most prominent political economist now pronounces bad.

BANKRUPT FUND DEPOSITORIES.

There seems to have been trouble elsewhere as well as in Chicago, in regard to the favorite method of creating a monopoly of the deposits of bankrupt funds. On the 5th inst. the United States Attorney-General decided a question that seems to have arisen in this connection, to the effect that "the act of 1871, providing that money paid into courts shall be deposited with the Assistant Treasurers of the United States does not apply to moneys in bankrupt cases, but those moneys are to be deposited according to the provisions of the Bankrupt act and the rules of the Court made under it."

The question which the Attorney-General was called upon to decide probably arose from the fact that, under the present custom of the courts, nobody knows who is responsible for the security of bankrupt funds. In all other cases where money is paid into the United States Courts the law requires that it shall be deposited with the United States Assistant Treasurers. But in the case of bankrupt funds the courts have the power to make a monopoly of the fund by depositing them all in one bank in each district. The law, however, does not require that the Courts shall appoint only one bank as a depository for all the bankrupt funds of any one district, or even of one city, but leaves it optional with the Courts to appoint a separate bank for the deposit of the funds of each bankrupt estate. Nevertheless, the deposit of bankrupt funds is frequently made a monopoly by the failure of the Courts to appoint more than one bank, and then it comes in the claiming that if this one bank selected by the Court fails, there seems to be no sufficient security for the money. If the Courts are the only parties responsible for the money so lost, then the banks receiving such deposits should be required to give bonds as in the case of other important trust funds; but if the General Government is to be held responsible for the acts of the United States Court, then the money should be deposited with the United States Assistant Treasuries, and the Bankrupt law needs amending in this respect.

DARIEN AND NICARAGUA CANAL PROJECTS.

The United States Government Commission, to report on the various plans for Isthmian canals on the different proposed routes via the Isthmus of Panama, Isthmus of Nicaragua, and Isthmus of Tehuantepec, met again at Washington on the 5th inst., and it is possible that after a twenty years of talk, and more than a dozen years of surveying, one of the proposed routes will be selected as being available for the purpose, if the Government will either undertake the construction or aid any private corporation in the work. The Commission is composed of Gen. Humphreys of the Engineer Corps, Prof. Price of the Coast Survey, and Commodore Ammen of the Navy. A naval vessel is to be placed at the disposal of the Commission, which will sail within a month for a personal examination of the proposed routes. The Commission asked that Capts. Lull and Selfridge, and also two army engineers, be detailed to accompany them, and assist them in the additional surveys, which will probably occupy two months.

As long as twenty years ago a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama was proposed and partially surveyed, via the Atrato River, into the Pacific at Cupuos Bay. Another route across the Isthmus of Panama was proposed in 1841 by the Engineer-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Mines, Paris, which would be 47 miles long, and have a depth of 23 feet of water, with locks 210 feet long.

The Nicaragua route, afterwards proposed, contemplated the improvement of the San Juan River, a distance of about 56 miles, into Lake Nicaragua, which is a body of water, about 50 miles wide and 100 miles long. The distance for which the lake would be used in the transit of vessels would depend upon the point selected for the canal from the lake into the Pacific, but, from the conformation of the country on the Pacific side, it is presumed that the distance of the entire canal would be 60 or 70 miles, and the canal from there into the Pacific not over 13 or 18 miles long.

The Tehuantepec route, over 1,000 miles north of the routes proposed by the French engineers across the Isthmus of Panama, was surveyed by Commander Shufeldt, of the United States Navy, in 1870-'71. His explorations resulted in demonstrating the practicability of constructing a canal 144 miles long from the mouth of the Coatzacoalcos River, in the Gulf of Mexico, passing the dividing ridge at Tarifa, and descending by the valley of the Chicapa River to the Pacific at the harbor of Salina Cruz. This route involved the cutting of 3 miles of tunnels through the mountains and the construction of an aqueduct, as a feeder, 27 miles long. A depth of 22 feet of water was assured, with locks from 170 to 320 feet long.

It will thus be seen that four prominent routes have at different times been proposed for an isthmian ship canal within the distance of the thousand miles from the mouth of the Coatzacoalcos River to the mouth of the Atrato. Of these, however, it is believed the choice will lie between that proposed by the French engineers in 1841 and the Nicaragua route.

MUTILATED CURRENCY.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Feb. 9, 1874.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: If you can give place to a protest against the needless imposition on the community of rotten, dirty, and mutilated money, you will confer a favor on many business men besides the writer. The banks in this section get most of their currency from Chicago, and, as it is paid out over their counters, full one-fourth of it is mutilated, or so defaced and worn as to be unfit for circulation. So long as this money is handled in the package, it is of not so much consequence; but, when these are broken up and paid to employes and go through the retailers' hands, and those of hundreds besides, it becomes a most filthy nuisance. So far as the greenbacks are concerned, there is no excuse whatever for this; for the Treasury desires to redeem them as fast as presented, and pays the express both ways, besides permitting banks to count such funds as part of their reserve while in transit. Could better facilities be asked? As to the banks' own notes, there is some expense in their removal; and so their captivity will probably keep them circulating the old notes. But let public opinion insist on it that the banks shall take the little trouble necessary to have the Treasury notes and fractional currency renewed before it is absolutely rotten. And a great point would be gained if the Chicago banks would not ship such stuff into the country.

REMONSTRANT.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Preston, Kean & Co. quote as follows this p. m.:

	Buying.	Selling.
United States 6s of '81	119¼	120¼
United States 5-20s of '62	118½	117
United States 5-20s of '64	118½	119
United States 5-20s of '65	118½	119¼
United States 5-20s of '67—January and July	118	118½
United States 5-20s of '68—January and July	119¼	119¼
United States 5-20s of '65—January and July	119½	119¾
10-40s	113½	113¾
United States 6s (new issue)	112¾	113¼
United States currency 6s	116¾	116¾
Gold (full weight)	111¾	112¾
Gold coupons	111¾	112¾
Gold exchange	111¾	112¾
Sterling	4.86¾	4.87¾
Chicago City 7s	99 & int.	99 & int.
Cook County 7s	97 & int.	99 & int.
Town, county, and city 10 per cent bonds	95@97½	

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Money easy at 4@5 per cent. The decrease in outstanding legal tenders of $666,000 caused a decline in both money and gold at the close of the day, though the increased produce exports has something to do with the reaction in gold.—Exports of produce for the week, $6,216,713. Custom, receipts, $280,000.

Sterling firm at $4.84@4.84½ for 60-day, and $4.87½ to $4.88 for sight.

Gold sold at 112@112⅜, closing at 112⅜. Carrying rates, 2 to 4. Treasury disbursements, $225,000. Clearings, $6,000,000.

Governments closed strong, with a good demand at the highest point of the day.

State bonds quiet and strong.

Stock speculation active and well distributed. The advance in prices early in the day ranged from ½ to 1¾ per cent, and there was a reaction toward the close from ¼ to 1¼ per cent. The market closed steady, with a slight recovery from the lowest point of the afternoon. The demand for railroad bonds is active, and a very large business is doing at strong and advancing prices. Chicago & Northwestern first sold up to par, but the consolidated gold bonds to 87½. The first and second mortgage bonds of C. C. & I. C. have advanced 4 per cent since Saturday, probably stimulated by the connection with the Lake Shore. The Rock Island 7s sold at 104¾; Milwaukee & St. Paul firsts, 8 per cent, at 106, and Michigan Southern's seconds at 98. Sales between 10 and 2 o'clock amounted to 135,000 shares, with the principal dealings in Western Union, Pacific, Lake Shore, New York Central, Rock Island, Northwestern common and preferred, Atlantic & Pacific preferred, Wabash, and Ohio.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.	
Coupons, '81	120½
Coupons, '62	117
Coupons, '64	119½
Coupons, '65	116¼
Coupons, '67 (new)	118½
Coupons, '68	119¼
Coupons, '65	119½
10-40s	113¾
New 5s	113

STATE BONDS.	
Missouris	93½
Tennessees, old	82¾
Tennessees, new	67¾
Virginias, new	45

STOCKS.	
Canton	61¾
Western Union	37¼
Quicksilver	37
Adams Express	97¼
Wells Fargo	76½
American Express	64½
United States Ex	45
Pacific Mail	43¾
New York Central	104½
Erie	48¾
Erie pfd	76
Hudson	130
Harlem	130
Harlem pfd	130
Michigan Central	98
Pittsburgh & Ft. W	89½
Northwestern	60
Northwestern pfd	76¾
Rock Island	107¾
New Jersey Central	108½
St. Paul	47¾
St. Paul pfd	73¾
Wabash	33¾
Wabash pfd	52
Fort Wayne	96¾
Terre Haute	14¾
Terre Haute pfd	45
Chicago & Alton	111¾
Chicago & Alton pfd	113
Ohio & Mississippi	34½
Illinois Central	93¾
Central Pacific bonds	95¾
Del., Lack. & Western	111¾
Boston, Hart. & Erie	2¾

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Tuesday, Feb. 10:

CITY PROPERTY.

Marshfield st, s w cor of Harrison st, e f, 200x125 ft, dated Oct. 16, 1873; consideration, $1,200.

Maxwell st, 308 ft e of Blue Island av, s f, 24x107 ft, dated Feb. 10; consideration, $3,700.

Halsted st, 142 ft s of Thirty-fourth st, w f, 25x124½ ft, dated Jan. 23; consideration, $1,325.

Third av, 322 4-10 ft s of Polk st, e f, 20x101 ft, dated Feb. 9; consideration, $6,500.

Rush st, n w cor of Pearsons st, e f, undivided 1-3 of 42 4-10x100 ft, dated Feb. 7; consideration, $2,000.

The premises Nos. 245 and 247 Cottage Grove av, dated Feb. 5; consideration, $12,000.

Portland av, 214½ ft s of Thirty-first place, w f, 25x125¾ ft, dated Feb. 9; consideration, $875.

Thirty-first st, s w cor of railroad right of way, s f, 23 9-10x71¼ ft, dated Feb. 5; consideration, $5,000.

West Madison st, w of Sacramento st, n f, 80x281 ft, dated Oct. 10, 1873; consideration, $5,000.

Halsted st, 210 ft s of Willow st, e f, 24x124½ ft, dated Feb. 9; consideration, $1,875.

Sherman st, n w cor of Taylor st, e f, undivided ¼ of Block 42, with privilege of excavating, dated Jan. 10, 1870; consideration, $2,000.

Throop st, 100 ft s of Congress st, w f, 50x125 ft, dated Feb. 5; consideration, $5,500.

The premises No. 161 South Robey st, dated Jan. 6; consideration, $7,000.

West Monroe st, 149 4-10 ft s of Robey st, s f, 24x125 ft; also, Butternut st, 225 ft e of Thirtieth st, w f, 25x100 ft, with improvements, dated Jan. 6; consideration, $6,350.

Wood st, w e cor of Cornelia st, w f, 50x120 ft, dated Feb. 4; consideration, $2,000.

Erie st, 159 3-10 ft w of North Market st, s f, 20x100 ft, dated Jan. 29; consideration, $2,200.

Throop st, s e cor of Ashland av, s f, 100 ft 6 in to 101 ft 6 in x 120 ft to Sullivan, dated Feb. 4; consideration, $30,000.

Thirty-eighth st, 497 ft w of Stewart av, n f, 100½x125 ft, dated Feb. 9; consideration, $2,500.

Thirty-fifth st, 427 ft w of Wentworth av, s f, 42x200 ft, dated June 4, 1873; consideration, $3,000.

North av, n e cor of Sherfield av, s f, 48x125 ft, dated Feb. 3; consideration, $2,000.

Sycamore st, 110 ft n of Division st, e f, 30x100 ft; also, 110 ft n of Division st, e f, 30x100 ft, dated Dec. 31; consideration, $400.

Prairie av, 507 ft n of Thirty-seventh st, w f, 30x124½ ft, dated Feb. 9; consideration, $5,000.

Fourth av, near Thirty-fourth st, w f, 24x128 ft, dated Feb. 6; consideration, $3,800.

Lot 3 of Lots 21 and 22, in Block 2, University part of s ½ of n e ¼ of Sec 34, 39, 14, dated Feb. 5; consideration, $4,708.

The 20½ ft of 60 ft of Lot 12, in Block 28, Wolcott's Additions, dated Feb. 2; consideration, $1,000.

Thirty-first st, n w cor of Oakmont av, s f, 76x120 ft, dated Feb. 10; consideration, $10,000.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Cottage Grove av, s w cor of Thirty-first st, s f, 42 2/10 ft, dated Feb. 2; consideration, $2,250.

Lots 3, 4, and e ½ 5, in Block 2 of Springer and Pierce's s ½ of Lot 30, n w ¼ Sec. 18, 38, 14, dated Feb. 9; consideration, $8,000.

Lots 1 and 2 of Lot 6, Block 1, Saltonstall and Russell's n ½ n e ¼ of s w ¼, Sec. 9, 38, 14, dated Jan. 29; consideration, $2,880.

West 43 ft Lot 8, in McCarthy's Lot 1 of Rosenmeyer's Lots 6, Sec. 16, 38, 14, dated Feb. 7; consideration, $1,500.

WEST OF CITY LIMITS.

West 27 acres of n 20, of s 80, of n ½ Sec. 6, 39, 13, dated May 3, 1873; consideration, $18,000.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 10.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.
Flour, bris	19,865	645	8,307	4,185
Wheat, bu	143,850	44,120	40,187	7,479
Corn, bu	65,249	142,768	4,241	6,579
Oats, bu	24,778	5,800	19,564	10,569
Rye, bu	5,767	4,050	2,043	1,625
Barley, bu	30,500	24,800	15,788	7,179
Grass seed, lbs	309,701	170,550	166,352	99,000
Flax seed, lbs	50,000	27,000	27,000	
Broom corn, lbs	8,100	12,500	127,382	9,000
Cured meats, lbs	438,200	329,580	1748,200	1363,630
Beef, brls			106	
Pork, brls	25		1,610	1,215
Lard, lbs	90,000	61,200	197,345	175,320
Tallow, lbs	16,970	34,820	35,405	43,460
Butter, lbs	56,680	42,631	89,000	6,000
Dressed hogs, No	1,040	1,048	1,471	1,387
Live hogs, No	15,397	9,000	5,986	7,169
Cattle, No	2,320	1,661	1,800	1,917
Sheep, No	881	9,035		469
Hides, lbs	148,381	71,200	84,020	14,100
Highwines, brls	580	400	104	554
Wool, lbs	172,018	67,725	94,655	19,000
Potatoes, bu	700	1,500		
Lumber, m ft	819,000	620,000	1000,000	641,000
Shingles, m	1650,000	1230,000	676,000	1074,000
Lath, m		50,000	27,000	20,000
Salt, brls	300	220	981	495

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 1,710 bu wheat, 16,614 bu corn, 1,379 bu oats, 893 bu rye, 2,046 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 192 cars wheat, 100 cars corn, 26 cars oats, 8 cars rye, 22 cars barley. Total, 348 cars, or 127,000 bu.

The Chief Inspector of Grain of this State has investigated the charges alluded to in these columns about three weeks ago, to the effect that spring wheat has been sent from Chicago to Detroit, and there sold as winter wheat. He has traced up 79 car loads which have been thus sold under false pretenses, and it is expected that the offending parties in Detroit will receive due commercial punishment. The most curious thing about it is that inspectors and millers should have been imposed upon to such an extent before the confidence game was discovered. There can be no blame attached to the parties who have sent the grain from Chicago. They undoubtedly did it in good faith, sending what they were requested to send, and charging the market price therefor.

The leading produce markets were generally dull to-day, and weak, though grain was steady amid the dullness. There was very little shipping demand for anything, and fair receipts, with a reported increase in our stocks of all grain but barley. The telegrams from other points were generally discouraging to holders, but there was not much property thrown on the market in consequence, as it was a poor day for selling.

The recent falling off in the shipping demand has caused a decided weakening in freights, both by rail to the East and across the ocean, but it is very difficult to find the exact rates in times of weakness, as they are generally understated by shippers, while the agents who make concessions from published rates will not admit the fact.

Dry goods were in fair demand, with prices firm all around, and in a few instances a shade higher than at the close of last week. In the grocery market the only change worthy of note was the reduction of a ⅛c in the different grades of coffee. Sugars were stronger, while sirups, rice, spices, and other lines were steady and uniform. No new features were developed in the canned goods and fish markets. Dairy products were quite up to general expectations, and those markets were unqualifiedly firm. The dried fruit markets were unqualifiedly firm. The dried fruit markets ruled quiet, the demand being almost wholly of a consumptive character, but prices were sustained with unabated firmness all around, while in some descriptions the tendency is still in an upward direction. To-day's changes were confined to an advance of 5@10c in raisins, and a ⅛c in peaches and blackberries. Butter continues in active request at extreme prices, fancy packed commanding as high as 38@40c, while very few sales are effected at a less figure than 28c. Cheese was again quoted quiet and firm at 16¾@17¼c for New York factory, and at 15¾@16¾c for prime Western. Bagging was dull, but was firmly held at the quoted prices, which are 34½c for Stark; 32½c for seamless, and 29½c for American. The leather, pig-iron, tobacco, paints, and wood markets were without new features. Oils were steady at yesterday's quotations.

As the lumber yards a liberal number of orders were received, the demand as usual being largely for common lumber, fencing, and shingles. The market for all these grades, lath, and shingles is very firm. No new features were noted in connection with naval stores, building materials, metals, nails, or iron. The two first named are quiet; while the last are in fair and increasing demand and firm at quotations. Drugs and chemicals were fairly active and steady, mercurial preparations having advanced. Wool was quiet and steady. The retail trade in broom corn continues fair and the feeling is one of firmness for all grades. Hay was dull and hops quiet. There was a little more trading in seeds at about former prices, excepting timothy, which was a trifle easier, owing to larger receipts. Domestic green fruits were firm and in fair request. Choice potatoes are also very firm, being in limited supply. Poultry was steady, except chickens, which were weak in price, owing to larger offerings.

Highwines were active and firm, with free buyers at yesterday's quotation, but an unwillingness to pay more. Sales were reported of 300 brls at 96c per gallon, and rumors of more at the same price. It is now thought that, if there be a change in the tax, it will only be increased 10c per gallon, and not a dollar as was suggested a few days ago from Washington.

Dressed hogs were in better request, and firm at about the same range as yesterday. The general market was $6.50 per 100 lbs for light or heavy, in car loads, with $6.55 for choice, and $6.40@6.45 for odd lots, closing steady. Sales were reported of 325 at $6.55; 1,282 at $6.50; 11 at $6.45; 70 at $6.40; 85 dividing on 200 lbs at $6.50@6.55, and 400 do at $6.40@6.50. Total, 2,173 head.

Provisions were dull and weak, though lard was said to be stronger in Liverpool. The feeling was almost exactly the same as yesterday, the receipts of hogs being larger than was anticipated by holders of product, and considerable anxiety exhibited to sell, especially in lard. New York was reported weak, but that was probably a result of our own depression rather than the cause; at least, the fact was not known here till after our market had reached the lowest point of the session. Lard receded 15c per 100 lbs on the April option, which was the most heavily dealt in by parties who wish to make a profit by carrying it into that month, and by several who had come to the conclusion that lard is a good thing to go short on. It closed a shade firmer. Mess pork declined 20@25c per brl, with less doing, and closed dull, with more sellers than buyers at the reduction, and a good many asking the old question, "What will we do with it?" Meats were moderately active, and a shade easier, being offered with more freedom than for several days past, as it became apparent that hogs will continue to come in freely for some time yet, increasing the volume of meats on sale. The market closed dull at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller February, $14.20@14.25; do seller March, $14.25@14.30; do seller April, $14.57½@14.60; prime mess pork, $12.90@13.00; extra prime do, $11.87½@12.00. Lard, cash or seller February, $8.85@8.87½; do seller March, $8.90@8.92½; do seller April, $9.07½; do seller May, $9.20@9.22½. Green hams at 9@9½c for 16 and 15 lb averages; sweet pickled hams, 9¾@10¾c; dry salted meats, loose at 5½c for shoulders; 7¾@7¾c for Cumberlands; 7¾@7¾c for long clear; 7¾c for short ribs; 7¾c for short clear; the same boxed at ¼c per lb above these prices. Green meats ½c lower than salted do. Meats for March delivery ¼@¾c higher, and for April ⅝@⅞c higher than cash prices. Bacon meats, 8¾c for shoulders; 9¾c for short ribs, 8¾c for short clear, all packed in boxes; the same in hhds, ⅛c higher. Bacon hams, 11¾@13½c. Mess beef, $8.20@8.50; extra mess do, $9.75@10.00; beef hams, $23.00@23.50. City tallow, 6¾@7c; grease quotable at 5@6c. Sales were reported of 500 brls mess pork at $14.25; 250 brls do seller March at $14.35; 2,500 brls do at $14.30; 500 brls do at $14.40; 250 brls do seller April at $14.60; 1,000 brls do at $14.57½; 1,750 brls seller March at $9.00; 1,000 tcs do at $8.92½; 500 tcs do at 8.90; 100 tcs do at $8.87½; 2,000 tcs do on private terms; 750 tcs do seller April at $9.20; 250 tcs do at $9.10; 2,950 tcs do at $9.05; 100 brls backs at $14.00; 100,000 lbs shoulders on private terms; 1,000 pcs green do at 5½c; 140 000 lbs short ribs at 7½c; 100,000 lbs do at $7.45; 100,000 lbs short clear at 7¾c; 100,000 lbs do seller March at 7¾c.

Flour was dull and easier. There was a little more doing, but only on the part of dealers, who were willing to make slight concessions from their quotations. The trade was chiefly local, though one or two lots were taken for export. Bran was scarce and strong. Sales were reported of 70 brls spring extras (patent) at $8.00; 100 brls do (Minnesota) at $6.75; 100 brls do at $5.25; 100 brls (in sacks) at $5.10 per brl; 500 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfine at $4.75; 10 brls buckwheat (New York) at $7.50; 150 brls rye at $4.85; advanced 5@10c for good and choice; 1,310 brls. The following were the prices asked at the close:

Fair to good white winters	$ 6.50 @ 7.50
Choice do	7.75 @ 9.25
Red winters	5.75 @ 7.75
Choice spring extras	5.75 @ 6.25
Medium to good do	5.00 @ 5.50
Good to choice Minnesota	6.00 @ 6.75
Patent do	8.00 @10.50
Fair to choice spring, superfine	3.75 @ 4.50
Common do	3.00 @ 3.50
Rye flour	4.50 @ 5.00
Buckwheat do	6.00 @ 7.50
Bran	19.00 @20.00

Wheat was dull and weak, receding 1½c below the minimum quotations of yesterday, with a very nervous feeling throughout. The early advices from Liverpool quoted that market as weak, and New York declined 1@2c in consequence. The receipts were rather less in volume than heretofore. Speculative offerings were very liberal early in the day, causing a rapid drop. Then the short interest took hold more freely, inducing temporary firmness, but so many were anxious to sell that a further decline ensued. The market was almost entirely speculative, and largely in settlement, there being no shipping orders here, except for a few car-loads to country points. Seller March opened "downstairs" at $1.24, and on Change at $1.23¾, then receded to $1.22¾, advanced to $1.23¾, declined to $1.22, and closed firmer at $1.23½; seller the month, or cash No. 2 spring, sold at $1.20¾@1.21¼, closing at $1.21. Seller April sold at $1.24½@1.25¼, closing at $1.25. No. 1 spring closed at $1.23¾ in the Northwestern, and $1.23 elsewhere. No. 3 spring closed at $1.15, and rejected do at $1.10. Cash sales were reported of 7,200 bu No. 1 spring at $1.23¾; 2,000 bu do at $1.23; 800 bu Northwestern at $1.23¾; 11,600 bu No. 2 spring at $1.21¼; 10,000 bu do at $1.21¾; 22,400 bu do at $1.22¼; 15,400 bu do at $1.21½; 30,800 bu do at $1.21; 10,000 bu do at $1.20¾; 10,400 bu No. 3 spring at $1.15½; 1,600 bu do at $1.15¾; 1,200 bu do at $1.15; 800 bu rejected spring at $1.10¾; 2,800 bu do at $1.10; 800 bu by sample at $1.28, delivered. Total, 127,800 bu.

Corn was more active, and weak at precisely the same average of prices as yesterday. The receipts footed up a respectable volume, 349 carloads for the day, and the bulletin showed an increase in stocks during the past week of 202,502 bu, the shipments being quite small. Liverpool was also reported 6d@1s per 480 lbs lower, and New York was quoted off. These things made willing sellers, and the market receded under the weight of more liberal offerings, though the short interest took hold freely at the decline. They were nearly the only buyers, though a few new investments were made for future, and cash corn bought to carry against them. Seller March opened at 65c, receded to 57¾c, advanced 58 57¾c, declined to 57½c, and closed at 57¾c. Cash No. 2 corn, or seller the month, sold at 56¾@57¾c, closing at the inside. Seller May sold at 63¾@63¼c. Rejected closed at 52½c for old, and 47½c for new. Cash sales were reported of 18,900 bu No. 2 old at 57¾c; 5,000 bu do at 57½c; 36,000 bu do at 57c; 6,000 bu do at 56¾c; 6,800 bu do at 56½c; 1,000 bu rejected old at 53c; 2,800 bu do at 52¾c; 800 bu do at 52½c; 400 bu do at 52¼c; 1,200 bu do new at 47¾c; 6,000 bu do at 47½c; 2,000 bu new, by sample, at 50c, free on board. Total, 76,000 bu.

Oats were more active, and firm at about the same range as yesterday, there being a very good demand for cash lots and a fair inquiry for options, though the receipts were rather more liberal. Seller March opened at 42½c, and was dull at 42¾c for a short time, in sympathy with wheat and corn; then advanced to 43¼c, and closed at 43c. Seller the month, or cash, closed at 42¾c. Seller May was steady at 47⅛c. Cash sales were reported of 35,000 bu No. 2 at 42¾c; 30,000 bu do at 42½c; 1,200 bu rejected at 39c; 600 bu white at 47c, on track. Total, 64,800 bu.

Rye was in fair demand at unchanged prices. Sales were restricted to fresh receipts; as regular is not offered on the market, being nominal at 80@80½c for No. 2. Sales were reported of 3,200 bu No. 2 at 80c; 400 bu do at 80¾c; and 400 bu do at 82c. Total, 4,000 bu.

Barley was rather more active, being in fair demand at yesterday's prices. The market was the steadiest known for several weeks past. No. 2 was quiet at $1.75@1.75 for fresh receipts; regular being nominal at about $1.70; No. 3 closed firm at $1.53, and rejected at $1.45. Sample lots were in better demand. Cash sales were reported of 5,000 bu No. 2 (part in Northwestern Elevator) at $1.75; 400 bu do at $1.73; 800 bu No. 3 at $1.55¼; 3,600 bu do at $1.55; 3,200 bu rejected at $1.46; 4,000 bu do at $1.45; 4,400 bu by sample at $1.70; 800 bu do at $1.65; 400 bu do at $1.55; 2,800 bu do at $1.50, on track; 400 bu do at $1.63; 400 bu do at $1.55; 1,200 bu do at $1.50, delivered. Total, 29,400 bu.

The following are the footings of the official report of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and at corresponding dates:

	WHEAT, bu.			
	1874.	1874.	Feb. 21,	Feb. 8, 1873.
No. 1 red	324	324		
No. 2 red	326	326		
Rejected winter				5,000
No. 1 spring	101,744	53,331		5,008
No. 2 spring	1,786,601	1,547,399		1,228,979
No. 3 spring	79,206	66,096		375,194
No. 1 N. W. spring	108,797	106,347		2,400
No. 2 N. W. spring	775,271	709,277		7,105
Rejected spring	19,275	17,847		69,248
No grade spring				300
Total	2,866,738	2,503,972		1,695,982
	CORN.			
Yellow	17,921	11,534		90,163
No. 1	23,330	27,393		100,049
High mixed	346,978	318,938		
No. 2	1,330,651	1,326,695		4,895,224
Rejected	67,553	56,623		137,716
New No. 2	24,383	20,814		
New rejected	116,923	97,254		
No 2 kiln-dried				2,533
No. 3	445	1,974		351
New high mixed	9,519	8,993		
Total	2,124,843	1,862,346		3,957,046
	OATS.			
No. 1	2,458	4,144		2,667
No. 2 white	61,874	91,907		
No. 2	605,562	569,782		1,181,802
Rejected	28,194	22,923		79,284
No grades	704	2,000		
Total	703,792	681,749		1,263,803
	RYE.			
No. 1	322	322		6,138
No. 2	69,117	69,922		371,217
Rejected	583	973		1,569
No grade	100	100		
Total	69,127	63,275		379,163
	BARLEY.			
No. 1	1,758	1,758		
No. 2	229,097	266,231		284,532
No. 3	71,983	86,775		68,917
Rejected	13,991	16,787		24,874
No grade				94
Total	316,832	334,083		377,425

Total of all kinds of grain 6,138,349 bu. These figures show an an increase during the week of 374,778 bu wheat, 262,502 bu corn, 79,043 bu oats, 6,870 bu rye, and a decrease of 17,231 bu barley. Total increase, 705,962 bu.

Wheat was moderately active and ⅛c higher, selling at $1.22¾@1.23¾ for March, closing at the outside. Seller April at $1.25. Corn was steady at 57¼@57½c seller March, closing at the outside, and 58¼@58½c seller April, 63½c seller May.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The following advices were received on 'Change to-day, in addition to those given in our telegraphic columns:

LIVERPOOL—Good export American mixed corn off coast 40s. American mixed corn, old, for shipment in March or April, 38s 6d@39s. American corn, new, 3s less. LIVERPOOL—Wheat dull; American mixed corn, 39s.

LATER—LONDON—American mixed corn, 39s 6d.

CALL BOARD.

Pork and lard were active in the afternoon, and easier. Meats were quiet. Mess pork, cash or seller the month closed at $14.17½@14.20; seller March, $14.20@14.25; seller April, $14.50@14.53½; seller May at $14.50@14.53. Lard, cash or seller the month, $8.75@8.77½; seller March, $8.85@8.90; seller April, $9.05@9.10; seller May, $9.20@9.25. Short clear, cash at $7.62½@7.80; seller March offered at 8c; seller April offered at 8¼c. Short ribs, cash or seller the month, 7¾@7¾c; seller March, 7¾@7¾c; seller April offered at 8c. Shoulders, cash offered at 5¾c; seller March offered at $5.67½; seller April offered at 6c. Sales include 500 brls mess pork cash at $14.20; 1,500 brls do seller March at $14.30; 500 brls do at $14.27½; 750 brls do at $14.25; 600 brls do at $14.20; 500 brls do at $14.22½; 750 brls seller April at $14.50; 1,250 brls do at $14.52½; 500 brls do at $14.57½; 1,000 brls do at $8.87½; 2,000 tcs do on private terms; 250 tcs do seller April at $8.90; 250 tcs do at $9.10; 2,950 tcs do at $9.05; 100 brls backs at $14.00; 100,000 lbs shoulders on private terms; 1,000 pcs green do at 5½c; 140 000 lbs short ribs at 7½c; 100,000 lbs do at $7.45; 100,000 lbs short clear at 7¾c; 100,000 lbs do seller March at 7¾c.

Flour was dull and easier. There was a little more doing, but only on the part of dealers, who were willing to make slight concessions from their quotations. The trade was chiefly local, though one or two lots were taken for export. Bran was scarce and strong. Sales were reported of 70 brls spring extras (patent) at $8.00; 100 brls do (Minnesota) at $6.75; 100 brls do at $5.25; 100 brls (in sacks) at $5.10 per brl; 500 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfine at $4.75; 10 brls buckwheat (New York) at $7.50; 150 brls rye at $4.85; advanced 5@10c for good and choice; 1,310 brls. The following were the prices asked at the close:

Fair to good white winters	$ 6.50 @ 7.50
Choice do	7.75 @ 9.25
Red winters	5.75 @ 7.75
Choice spring extras	5.75 @ 6.25
Medium to good do	5.00 @ 5.50
Good to choice Minnesota	6.00 @ 6.75
Patent do	8.00 @10.50
Fair to choice spring, superfine	3.75 @ 4.50
Common do	3.00 @ 3.50
Rye flour	4.50 @ 5.00
Buckwheat do	6.00 @ 7.50
Bran	19.00 @20.00

Wheat was dull and weak, receding 1½c below the minimum quotations of yesterday, with a very nervous feeling throughout. The early advices from Liverpool quoted that market as weak, and New York declined 1@2c in consequence. The receipts were rather less in volume than heretofore. Speculative offerings were very liberal early in the day, causing a rapid drop. Then the short interest took hold more freely, inducing temporary firmness, but so many were anxious to sell that a further decline ensued. The market was almost entirely speculative, and largely in settlement, there being no shipping orders here, except for a few car-loads to country points. Seller March opened "downstairs" at $1.24, and on Change at $1.23¾, then receded to $1.22¾, advanced to $1.23¾, declined to $1.22, and closed firmer at $1.23½; seller the month, or cash No. 2 spring, sold at $1.20¾@1.21¼, closing at $1.21. Seller April sold at $1.24½@1.25¼, closing at $1.25. No. 1 spring closed at $1.23¾ in the Northwestern, and $1.23 elsewhere. No. 3 spring closed at $1.15, and rejected do at $1.10. Cash sales were reported of 7,200 bu No. 1 spring at $1.23¾; 2,000 bu do at $1.23; 800 bu Northwestern at $1.23¾; 11,600 bu No. 2 spring at $1.21¼; 10,000 bu do at $1.21¾; 22,400 bu do at $1.22¼; 15,400 bu do at $1.21½; 30,800 bu do at $1.21; 10,000 bu do at $1.20¾; 10,400 bu No.

THE COURTS.

A Decision that Interests Sailors.

The Dangers of Compromising with Debtors.

Collision on the River---Bankruptcy Items.

WHAT IS A STALE CLAIM?

Judge Blodgett gave a decision in the case of Bullen against the scow Harriett Ann yesterday, which will be of interest to sailors and others having maritime liens. The action was a libel brought by Ole M. Nelson against the scow, or owner thereof, Harriett Ann and her owners for wages, amounting to about $500. It appeared that Nelson had worked during the season of 1869, part of 1870, and 1871. John A. Nelson, the brother of the libellant, was the owner until the spring of 1871, when he sold to Snell and Lipe, and Snell subsequently sold to Lipe, who purchased free and clear of all liens. Libellant now brings suit for all his wages earned during the seasons of 1869, 1870, and 1871.

The Judge remarked in his decision that the lien of a sailor was secret, and that some limit should be fixed to the time for which it should extend. No statutory bounds are fixed, but the rule to which Judge Longyear has adhered, that the lien should not be allowed over one year, was a just one. In that case, reported in the second volume of the *Legal News*, p. 351, Judge Longyear discussed at length the question of what a stale claim was. Sailors generally need their wages at the close of the season to support them during the winter, and if a man allows his wages on a vessel to remain for several seasons, during which time the vessel changes owners, as in this case, he must be held to have abandoned his lien on the vessel, and to look to the owner alone. Wages are a first lien upon the vessel, and all know it; and if they suffer wages to remain unpaid, notwithstanding the universal necessity for prompt payment, it raises the presumption that they have waived their lien.

This is, however, not an indefinite rule, because what shall make a claim stale is always a question of fact, to be determined by all the facts in each case. It is enough to say that the claim for the years 1869 and 1870 must be found to be stale as against the present owners. When Snell and Lipe were the owners, they were bound to see that all wages were paid, and as the proof shows that libellant worked on the vessel in the fall of 1871, during which he earned wages to the amount of $40, which he has not been paid, his claim will be allowed for that amount, without interest, as the proof shows he never demanded payment of the owners, and the fair presumption is that they would have paid him if he had made demand.

THE LAW OF SQUEEZING.

A ruling was made by Judge Blodgett yesterday in the case of Bullen against Blaine, which will be of interest to merchants who try the squeezing process with their customers. The case was brought by John Bullen against Celestian Blaine to recover on a note for $500 given by the latter, as is claimed, for services rendered in obtaining a compromise from Blaine's creditors at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar. The defense holds that the note was extorted as a condition for dismissing proceedings in bankruptcy. It appears that proceedings had been begun against Blaine when Bullen came on here in the interest of a firm in New York to look after their claims. Blaine offered 40 cents. Bullen thought he could raise 50 per cent, and offered that, if Blaine would pay him $250 and 50 per cent on the firm's claim, he would induce the other creditors to release on the same basis. An intimation was also made that, if this agreement were not consummated, Bullen's firm would refuse to consent to Blaine's discharge. Blaine gave the note, and the arrangement was carried out. But the $500 was not paid and suit was brought. The Judge, in his charge, said that if it were proved that the note was asked and given for services actually rendered by Bullen in procuring the consent of all of Blaine's creditors to the compromise, then the note had a good consideration, and was valid; but if, on the other hand, it should be shown that the note was extorted from Blaine, by being in bankruptcy and unable to obtain a discharge otherwise, the note was given under duress, and was void. It was settled that if a party, a creditor, took such a step, the consideration failed, and the rule could be stretched still farther, so as to include an agent who works in behalf of his principal. The jury, after being out less than five minutes, returned a verdict for the defendant.

DAMAGES FOR COLLISION.

The case of P. O. Peterson, owner of the schooner Barber, against the schooner Wend the Wave and tug Evans, was decided. The libel was filed to recover damages for a collision of the Wend the Wave with the Barber. The latter was made fast to the shore, while the former, in tow of the tug Evans, coming down stream, caught the Barber's fore-rigging and carried away. The Judge held that as the duty of the tug to carry her tow so that she should not collide, and, as there was no negligence shown by the Wend and Wave, the libel should be dismissed as to her, and the tug be held responsible for any damages occasioned by the collision.

A TROUBLESOME CARPENTER.

Brian Pfeiffer filed a bill yesterday in the Superior Court, setting out that he has been employed for some time erecting a row of houses on some land of his in Avondale. Thomas L. Kempster, a contractor, was employed to erect them, and he employed one John Pfeiffer as carpenter. Pfeiffer did about $50 of work and filed a notice of mechanics' lien against complainant. He also commenced a suit before Justice Haines, without making Kempster party, and obtained a judgment for $125, on which execution was issued and put in the hands of W. E. Dempsey, Constable. Complainant avers that Pfeiffer and Kempster had a settlement in full about the time of the rendition of the judgment, and that Pfeiffer has no claim against him. Moreover, the Justice had no right or authority to issue a personal judgment. He, therefore, asks an injunction against Dempsey to restrain him from levying on any property under the execution. This was granted under a bond for $600.

BILL TO CORRECT A DEED.

Frederick Schwartz filed a bill yesterday against the heirs of Peter Schwartz to rectify a mistake in the conveyance of certain land. Complainant intended to purchase the north 43 acres of the S. W. ¼ of Sec. 18, 41, 13, but by mistake the description was made the south 43 acres. Complainant gave a mortgage on the north 43 acres, but was surprised to find lately that he had no title thereto, and therefore files a bill to have the false description corrected.

UNITED STATES COURTS.

Benjamin B. Sherman filed a bill against J. W. Stanley and wife to foreclose a mortgage made by defendants for $8,000 on Lot 11 and the north 61 feet of Lot 12, Block 51, in Carpenter's Addition to Chicago.

BANKRUPTCY ITEMS.

Bradford Hancock was appointed Provisional Assignee of Gardner & Hodges, proprietors of the Metropolitan Hotel.

The final account of the Assignee of the estate of Munn, Norton & Scott was filed and referred to the Register.

An absolute order of dismissal in the case of E. H. Parker was entered.

William W. Bolery was appointed Provisional Assignee of the estate of Thomas Doyle.

An order was entered authorizing W. H. Jenkins, the Assignee of the Garden City Manufacturing and Supply Company, to compromise disputed accounts, give credits where necessary, and sell the stock of lumber, sash, and blinds on hand, either in parcels or in the aggregate, as shall seem best.

J. W. Butler & Co. called a petition against Albert W. Landon and A. G. Warner, trading as Landon & Co. They claim $342.59 on two overdue promissory notes, and charge, besides suspension of payment, that Landon & Co. allowed their printing-office to be sold under a fraudulent chattel mortgage, and also a conveyance of their property to one J. R. Boyd with intent to defraud. A rule to show cause Feb. 16, to end a provisional warrant of seizure, were issued.

In the matter of H. M. Stealey & Co., one of the oldest commission houses in the city, now insolvent, the first meeting of creditors was yesterday held, at which J. Milton Oliver was appointed Assignee.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Samuel Wann commenced a suit in assumpsit against William D. Judson, George P. Ripley, J. W. Wright, and Amos Tenney, for $15,000.

Charles Manual brought suit for $2,000 against Patrick O'Connor.

E. M. Neugiesen and J. M. Shields began an action against E. D. Shull, William Haynes, and Henry Thomas, to recover $1,000.

Elias D. Shull and William Haynes filed a petition against Sidney Thomas and others for a mechanics' lien on No. 14 Twenty-eighth street to the amount of $8,800.

John B. Cook brought an action in debt against William E. Greer, laying damages at $1,000.

SUPERIOR COURT IN BANC.

Phineas H. Bartlett, Philemon B. Barry, John H. Reed, Osee W. Wilmot, DeWitt C. Davis, and W. S. Lines commenced an action in case against Celestian Blaine, laying damages at $2,500.

Theodore A. Shaw began an action against Elston F. Wright for $12,000, and against W. Murray for $40,000.

Abram S. Ely, N. and William S. Hopkins joined in suing Samuel McCarty to recover $2,000.

Moses W. Powell sued Eli Jennings for $2,000.

O. H. Horton, Assignee of the Chicago Fireman's Insurance Company, for the use of Ebenezer Wakely, sued Arthur C. Ducat for $1,000.

COUNTY COURT.

Mary Doble was appointed administratrix of the estate of the late John Doble, under an approved bond of $3,800.

The will of Ann Karnes was admitted to probate by dedimus, and letters testamentary were issued to George Karnes, under an approved bond of $150,000.

Book Auction.

The sale of English books will be resumed by Mr. Shaw at Harrison st., 504 and 506 East Madison street, this morning, at 10 o'clock, and continue at 2 o'clock and 7 o'clock, afternoon and evening.

The books are selling very low,---very many for less than the cost of binding.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

West Side.

12 SOUTH GREEN-ST.—PLEASANT ROOMS AND good board. Terms reasonable.

12 SOUTH SANGAMON-ST.—LARGE FRONT and single room nicely furnished to rent with board, $2 per week; terms moderate.

85 SOUTH GREEN-ST., BETWEEN MADISON and Monroe.—To rent, with or without board, one large handsomely furnished room and one small.

107 SOUTH PEORIA-ST., BETWEEN MONROE and Adams.—Nice front room and board; heated by furnace; gas, bath, and all modern conveniences.

134 WARREN-AV., CORNER OF WOOD-ST.—Front room, second floor, suitable for a married couple, gentleman and wife, or two gentlemen; private entrance. Also, warm room suitable for two young gentlemen or ladies. Table excellent. Houses and location pleasant. Handy to Madison-st. cars, near Union Park. Terms very moderate.

1554 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—FIRST-CLASS board with single rooms, $4 to $7. Day board $4 per week.

216 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—A FURNISHED room with good board for two single gentlemen.

358 WEST LAKE-ST.—A SUITE OF NEWLY furnished south front rooms, with board, suitable for two persons, at $8 per week; or three at $6; now brick building.

546 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—BOARD AND one or two rooms with modern improvements in a private family.

South Side.

18 ELDRIDGE-COURT.—DESIRABLE ROOMS

49 HUBBARD-COURT.—PLEASANT ROOMS FOR gentlemen and their wives or single gentlemen, with or without board. Day-boarders accommodated.

100 THIRD-AV., NEAR HARRISON-ST.—BRICK house.—Board and lodging for gentlemen at $4 to $6 per week; with use of piano; day board, $3.50.

310 MICHIGAN-AV.—A PINE SUITE OF FRONT rooms, also single room, to rent with board.

447 WABASH-AV.—NEATLY-FURNISHED steam-heated room for two gentlemen, with first-class board.

532 WABASH-AV.—PLEASANT ROOMS WITH modern improvements, suitable for gentleman and wife, or two gents; also, single room. References required.

548 WABASH-AV.—PLEASANT ROOMS AND good board at reasonable rates; references required.

1099 INDIANA-AV.—A PLEASANT ROOM, well furnished, to let; first-class table for gentleman and wife, or two gentlemen. Terms most reasonable.

North Side.

221 NORTH CLARK-ST., NEAR CHICAGO-AV. —Three suites front rooms, furnished, to rent, with or without board.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD—ONE OR TWO ROOMS, WITH BOARD, for married couple in private family; will pay about $15 per week; with steam heat would be preferred. Address, 24 hours, K 56, Tribune office.

BOARD—TWO ROOMS WITH BOARD FOR GENtleman and wife and single gentleman, in a private family or first-class boarding-house. Address, stating terms per week or month, Y 36, Tribune office.

BOARD—WITH TWO PLEASANT ROOMS, UNfurnished, or part carpets, with good board for a lady, must be on the South Side, between Twenty-second and Harrison-sts. Address, stating location and terms, which must be reasonable, Y, Tribune office.

BOARD—WANTED, WELL-FURNISHED ROOM, and good board, by two lady-teachers, between Centre-st. and Grosvenor. Residents preferred. Address stating terms R 4, Tribune office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A FEW CARPENTERS AND JOINERS CAN PURchase memberships in a Colorado Colony and pay one-half in work in improving the town. Address Room 3, 94 Dearborn-st.

BOOKS OPENED AND CLOSED, COMPLICATED accounts adjusted. Work requiring an expert solicited by WEED, Accountant, Room 16, 138 E. Madison.

CASH PAID FOR CAST-OFF CLOTHING AND miscellaneous goods; call or send a letter to L. GELDER, Loan Office, 264 State-st.

EMERSON'S CLIP AND FILE FOR OFFICE, law papers, and Emerson's binder for music and all periodicals in former use binding for 1874 for everybody. Gold lettering neatly and promptly done. JOHN E. BARRETT & CO., Bookbinders, 150 State-st.

LABORERS, MECHANICS, SERVANTS, AND clerks supplied by P. O. CHOUTEAU, Room 30, 159 and 153 Dearborn-st. D. L. CARMICHAEL, Attorney.

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR CAST-OFF clothing by JONAS & ABRAHAM, 207 South Clark-st. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

WANTED—A SECOND HAND RANGE, SUITAble for a restaurant. Apply at 181 East Madison-st.

WANTED—TO BUILD FOR SOME RESPONSIBLE party, 1 to 100 cottages complete, or a large contract, take some real estate. Satisfaction guaranteed by responsible parties. Address D 81, Tribune office.

WANTED—AT 185 DEARBORN-ST., ROOM 3, A man with money, to take $5,000 a year. L. S. RICHARDSON, Patent Agent.

WANTED—STOCK OF HARDWARE, FOR CASH and real estate. M. H. MORRIS, 127 LaSalle-st., Room 6.

WANTED—HOUSES ON LEASED GROUND OR those to be removed. Call or address, with particulars, D. S. FOOTE, 163 Washington-st., basement.

W. E. STATIA HAS LEGALLY TRANSFERRED all his right and interest in the Stenographic Reporting Agency to Miss Lizzie Parker, 127 Monroe-st., Room 15, U. S. Express Building, Washington-st., to and to be conducted by M. PATTERSON.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE OFFICE FURNIture, consisting of bookkeepers' desks, glass finish, also sitting desks, and glass partition for office division of store. Shelving, grocer's bins, and counters. Apply at 23 South Water-st.

WEST TROY LAUNDRY, 104 WEST WASHINGton-st.—Gents' washing, $1 per dozen; ladies, $1.50 per dozen; warranted first-class.

LOST AND FOUND.

ESTRAYED—SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 8, A yearling colt, bay color, dark mane and tail, small white spot in forehead, two years old. Following brand on going rear on Lake-st. A suitable reward will be paid for his return to 454 West Lake-st.

FOUND—WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 4, NEAR the Grand Opera-House, a lap-robe, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges. Inquire at California House, 418 State-st.

LOST—ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, BETWEEN Field, Leiter & Co.'s and 1878 Park, trunk, or on the train, part of a gold chain bracelet. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at office of KEITH BROS.

LOST—FEB. 10, ON TWENTY-SECOND OR STATE-sts., a pocket-knife marked "Jennie." Finder will confer a favor by leaving it at 946 State-st., corner Twentieth.

LOST—ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, A MINK collar, on Madison-st. cars, between Center-av. and Aberdeen. A liberal reward will be paid if returned to 199 Ashland-av.

LOST—FROM 373 MADISON-ST., CENTRE-AV. 1st Sunday, at 10 o'clock last evening, one bachelain horse, with black mane and tail; had harness on; a just reward for his return.

STOLEN—IF THE WOMAN WHO TOOK SILK handkerchief from Wabash House parlor Tuesday will return the same, she will save herself trouble, as she is known.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

ANY ONE HAVING CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES for sale can have them disposed of by putting them on sale at 127 and 129 Monroe-st., by sending a letter or calling. Charge for storage. Wanted—20 head of cheap horses suitable for shipping South. Chicago Horse Market, 324 State-st.

FOR SALE—ONE DAYTON WAGON; ALSO TWO express wagons, at 261 South Canal-st.

FOR SALE—ONE PAIR OF MULES 4 YEARS OLD, sound, kind, and gentle; are now in Central Illinois. Will sell for $300. Purchaser to take them, if suited, on arrival. Address Y 75, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—ONE LARGE WORK HORSE, 6 YEARS old, weighing 1,450 pounds; one fine black, 8 years old; 16 hands high; one fine brown mare, 7 years old; 15 hands high; one good family horse; all sound and kind. Call from 9 to 12 only, at stable rear of West Lake-st.

HORSES AND MULES WANTED FOR SOUTHERN market; also harness for horses now in market. Apply to H. SHUHLEIN, sale stable, 182 State-st.

WANTED—HORSE, LIGHT TOP DELIVERY wagon, and harness. 21 Washington-st.

WANTED—A HAY MARE, 10¾ TO 11 HANDS high; young, sound, and good for family. Call at Grand Crossing Stables, 21 and 23 Fourteenth-st.

WANTED—TO TRADE—AN OPEN BUGGY FOR A light delivery wagon, or will sell for cash if a bargain. State price, etc. CLARKE BROS., EMERSON, 276 West Madison-st.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

FOR SALE—A "NEW AMERICAN" COOK STOVE, in good order, only having been used six months. Will sell cheap for cash. Call at the United States Hotel, Thirty-first-st. and Cottage Grove-av.

FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND MERchandise of every description at auction Wednesday and Saturday, and private sale at manufacturers' prices. WILLIS TOZO & CO., 76 and 78 Randolph-st.

IF YOU ARE DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS or merchandise, or old lots of goods, call or address Scott's Canal-st. We have daily sales and liberal advances, or purchase goods. OSGOOD & WILLIAMS.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY P. C. VIERLING, REAL ESTATE Agent, 55 and 57 West Madison:

CHOICE BUSINESS PROPERTY.

Michigan-av., 46x172 feet, near Adams-st.
Michigan-av., 46x172 feet, near Jackson-st.
Michigan-av., 46x172 feet, near Van Buren-st.
Fourth-av., 24x100 feet, near Polk-st., will have a Dearborn-st. front, and be worth $1,000 per foot.
Harrison-st., fine lot near Clinton-st.

RESIDENCE PROPERTY.

Michigan-av., house and lot, near Twenty-first-st.
Indiana-av., house and lot near Twenty-fifth-st.
Indiana-av., price $9,000, house and lot near Thirty-eighth-st.
24 Thoroughly-built brick houses and lots, 6 and 8 rooms, with all modern improvements; at a bargain.
Elegant brown-stone front of 14 rooms, on South Side; is one of the best-built houses in the city, and well-located; $20,000.
Bryant-av., 25-foot lot near Vincennes-av.
Burnside-st., 48x132 feet, corner Thirty-fifth.
Van Buren-st., 2 lots near Western-av.
Ashland-av., 2 lots near Twelfth-st., cheap.
Aberdeen-st., 2 lots near Lake, cheap, $600 each.
Aberdeen-st., 2 lots near Lake, cheap, $600 each, balance easy monthly payments.
Warren-av., 50x132 feet, south front, near Leavitt-st.
Lake-st., house and deep lot, near Ann.
Jackson-st., house and lot near Jefferson-st.
Monroe-st., 25-foot lots, near Wisconsin-st.
Church-st., 25-foot lot, near Centre-st.
Newberry-av., 7 lots near Webster-st.

AUBURN.

Pine-st., corner of Crescent, 40x120 feet.
147x155 feet, on Green Bay road, near Diversey-st.

HYDE PARK.

320x120 feet, corner of Lake-av. and Fifty-fifth-st.; has three fronts, and is very desirable.
2 acres, corner of Sixty-fourth-st. and Cottage Grove-av.
100 fine lots, 25x100 feet each, on State-st., Wabash, Michigan, Indiana, Prairie, and Calumet-sts., between Forty-first and Forty-seventh-sts.
Michigan-av., 1,200 feet, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh-sts., cheap. P. C. VIERLING.

FOR SALE—2-STORY FRAME HOUSE AND LOT, southeast corner Forty-second-st. and Evans-av., $6,000, $500 cash.

2-story houses and lot on Jefferson-st., Hyde Park, near depot, easy payments, or will trade for lot in or near the city.

Three lots on southeast corner Seventy-fifth-st. and Stony Island Boulevard, near Grand Junction, at a great bargain.

46x100 feet on Ellis-av., near Thirty-ninth-st., Oakland, cheap, or will trade.

Corner lot on Grand Boulevard, fronting lake, cheap, or will trade.

Lot 25x95 on Madison-av., near Fifty-fifth-st, Hyde Park, bargain.

House and 62x164, fine place, in Egandale, near Oakland, octagon brick, all modern improvements, and barn, for sale or trade.

Acres on corner Stony Island Boulevard and Seventy-fifth-st., great bargain.

ULRICH & BOND, 87 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—MEN AND WOMEN OF CHICAGO. do you want a bargain in one or more lots? We are ordered to sacrifice two lots on Western-av., and two on Lexington-st., and Seventeenth-st., and two on Twenty-fifth-st., all in the most desirable part of the city south from Madison-st. This is one of the best opportunities of a life-time. Call and see about it. RICE & CADWELL, 151 Washington-st., basement.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—LOTS ON WEST. ern-av., Lexington, Polk, Taylor, and Campbell-sts. Parties wishing to build, no money required down. Might take little in part payment if required. Inquire at 125 South Clark-st., in basement.

FOR SALE OR LOTS IN THE DISTRICT BOUNded by State, Larkin, Twenty-sixth, and Thirty-eighth-sts. Five years' time, if you want. Apply to Owner, ALEXANDER SNYDER, 84 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—FINE LOTS ON OAKLEY, DAVIS, Wilmot, and Home-sts., only $450; on Lincoln Park street, $1,000 to $1,200. These lots are but one and two blocks from the new Park and Van Dusen-st. car line; very cheap. Please investigate. G. B. GRIFFIN, 125 Madison-st., corner Clark.

FOR SALE—BARGAINS IN LOTS, BLOCKS, AND houses in all parts of the city. Money to loan. WEST CHICAGO LAND CO., 72 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—CHOICE PACKING-HOUSE LOTS AT Union Stock-Yards. Sole agents for Packers' Additions. Plats at 72 Dearborn-st. WEST CHICAGO LAND CO.

FOR SALE—OR PART EXCHANGE—15 FEET ON E. Sherman-st., between Harrison and Polk. JAS. B. GOODMAN & CO., 72 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—100 FEET EAST FRONT ON MICHIgan-av., between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth-sts., cheap, on long time. THOS. A. HILL, 125 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—A VERY ELEGANT MARBLE-FRONT house and lot on Michigan-av., near Twenty-eighth-st.; lot 24x170. Can be bought cheap on long time. THOS. A. HILL, 125 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—AN ELEGANTLY-FINISHED STONY front house and lot on Indiana-av., near Twenty-fourth-st. One of the most convenient locations in the city for a business man, within three minutes' walk of the business portion. J. S. GOULD & CO., 119 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—60 FEET ON WABASH-AV., EAST front, between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth-sts., at a bargain. J. S. GOULD & CO., 119 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—STONY AND BASEMENT BRICK house and lot on Prairie-av., near Twenty-fourth-st. YOUNG & NEWBURY, Real Estate Agents, Room 8 and 9 Bryan Block.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS ON PARK-AV., near Thirty-fourth-st., at $50 per foot. H. CUMMINGS, 103 South Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—TWO LOTS ON INDIANA-AV., NEAR Forty-ninth-st., at $50 per foot. H. CUMMINGS, 103 South Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—A BUSINESS CORNER, 60 FEET front, corner Loomis and Nebraska-sts. Call on owner, 240 Lake-st.

FOR SALE—ON WABASH-AV., NEAR THIRTIETH-st., 66 feet front, $145 per foot; a bargain. J. H. KERLEE, 145 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—3-STORY HOUSE, 10 ROOMS, ON IN-diana-av., $145 per foot; a bargain. J. H. KERLEE, 145 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—PARK-AV.—IN LOTS ON PARK-AV., two blocks west of Great Eastern R. R., will sell single lots, or in quantities, and give time. GEO. W. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—DREXEL-AV., 10 LOTS ON FIRST, Fifteenth-st., east front. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—WEST LAKE-ST.—9 LOTS ON WEST Lake-st., two blocks west of Great Eastern Railroad, fine chance for small investment. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—WABASH-AV., 66x132 FEET, EAST front, near Twenty-seventh-st. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—A COTTAGE AND LOT ON EVANS-AV. for $4,500.

Lots at South Chicago, $200 to $300.
Lots at Kenilworth, $200 to $1,200.
Lots on Wallace and Hamlin-sts., near Thirty-fourth, $1,600.
A cottage and lot on Winchester-av., between Monroe and Adams-sts. Will sell for less for what it is worth in cash. HILL & BLISS, 94 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—BY STEDMAN, POPE & CO., 94 Madison-st., lots on Rebecca-st. and Waverly-av., 1½ miles inside city limits, on south side Dearborn Park, and near Ogden-av.; buses run within one block; can sell cheap.

FOR SALE—A FINE RESIDENCE ON ELLIS-AV., near boulevards, street-cars, etc., lot 50x180; has barn, gas, water, and sewer; office, 94 Dearborn-st. Will sell at a bargain for cash. HILL & BLISS, 94 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—400x180 FEET ON PAVILION BOULEvard, 1834 west of South Park. A bargain can be had, easy terms; or small lots taken for part. Also, 3 corner lots, on Fifty-sixth-st., adjoining boulevard; only $30 per foot, one-fifth cash, balance easy.
C. W. RANDOLPH, 160 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—PRAIRIE-AV. AND SIXTEENTH-ST. —Two desirable residences. JAS B. GOODMAN & CO., 72 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—INSIDE BUSINESS PROPERTY. Double Farm-st. site, 125 East Madison, $200; splendid for improvement. Dr. REA, 65 Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—OAKWOOD BOULEVARD AND Egan-av. Beautiful lots on those fine thoroughfares, just completed; the most desirable; at low prices and on easy terms. Please call for a plat of this choice property. For improvement or investment there is nothing on the market like it. Apply to Lessee, on the premises, or at 94 Dearborn-st. If cards only to be seen it is appreciated.
J. MARAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—2-STORY AND BASEMENT MARBLE-front, 4-family house, 125 East Madison, $26,000; splendid for improvement. Dr. REA, 65 Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—3 ACRES CORNER CALIFORNIA-AV. and Fulton-st., $1,000 per acre; will sell 1 acre at $1,200; 10 corner Wisconsin and Franklin-sts., 10 Michigan corner Van Buren and Lincoln-sts.; 5 acres in Lake-st. addition; 5 acres in Lake-st. addition; 4 business and 20 residence lots, West Madison-st., cheap; lots on Madison-st., near Western-av. The above must be bought at decided low figures. D. COLE & SON, 138 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON ADAMS-ST., $80 EACH. Lots on Jackson-st., $90 each. Four lots on Van Buren-st., $100 each. Lots on Monroe-st., $100 each. Lots on Harrison-st., $100 each. Lots on Polk-st., $100 each. Lots on Taylor-st., $100 each. Lots on Twelfth-st., $100 each. Lots on Fifteenth-st., $100 each. Lots on Sixteenth-st., $100 each. Lots on Seventeenth-st., $100 each. Lots on Eighteenth-st., $100 each. Lots on Nineteenth-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-first-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-second-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-third-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-fourth-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-fifth-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-sixth-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-seventh-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-eighth-st., $100 each. Lots on Twenty-ninth-st., $100 each. Lots on Thirtieth-st., $100 each. Lots on Thirty-first-st., $100 each. Lots on Thirty-second-st., $100 each. Lots on Thirty-third-st., $100 each. Lots on Thirty-fourth-st., $100 each. Lots on Thirty-fifth-st., $100 each. 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WASHINGTON.

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withdraw the National Bank currency from States having a excess of circulation, and loans it to those States and Territories having less than their proportion, provided the whole amount of circulation so withdrawn and issued shall not exceed $25,000,000.

Pending consideration of the bill, the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. KNAPP (Ill.) offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report the amount of certified checks for Clearing-House certificates of deposit issued during the panic; what banks are still doing business that have stopped payment to their depositors, and what banks that are still in suspension. Referred.

SUGAR-BOUNTY.

Mr. BRADLEY (Mich.) asked to have put up on its passage the bill extending to April, 1876, the time for the completion of the Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship-canals. Objection was made, and the bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OATH FOR POSTMASTERS.

Mr. PACKER (Pa.) from the Post-Office Committee, reported a bill amendatory of the General Post-Office law, by prescribing an oath to be taken by Postmasters. Passed.

POSTAL BILLS.

Mr. BANNING, from the Post-Office Committee, made a report on a bill to authorize the transmission of law manuscript, brief-reports, etc., in mail at reduced rates. Laid on table.

Mr. STOWELL, from the same Committee, made an adverse report on the bill to provide for the public advertisement of mail lettings in newspapers published in the Congressional District where the routes are located having the largest circulation in the district. He said that it would increase the present annual cost of advertising.

Mr. STOWELL, also from the same Committee, reported a bill providing that on mail matter of the third class, the name and address of the sender may be written, and also the number and kind of articles inclosed, and there may also be written in any book or pamphlet sent through the mail the form of presentation, without extra postage being charged. On motion of G. F. Hoar, the question may apply to matter heretofore sent.

BUTLER'S EXPLAINS.

Mr. BUTLER (Mass.) next rose to a personal explanation. It had been represented that the Judiciary Committee had taken certain action with ascertain improper view. It had also been represented that the Committee of Ways and Means had been approached, through him, by the Secretary of the Treasury, on questions affecting more or less the propriety of administrative action. He sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a Washington dispatch to a New York paper on Saturday last, to the effect that the Judiciary Committee of the House had agreed to report the bill of Representative Morey, of Louisiana, for the establishment of two United States Courts in Louisiana in lieu of Judge Durell's present court, and that Butler was anxious to push the Morey bill before any action should be had on the Durell impeachment articles. "Now," said Butler, "there is not in that paragraph one word of truth. Now, as to the Committee of Ways and Means, I desire to have another newspaper paragraph read." Here the Clerk read an extract from another New York paper, stating that Butler was hard at work to save his friends in Brooklyn whose heads were in danger in consequence of the Sanborn case; that he had been before the Committee of Ways and Means, and had made an argument in favor of rescinding the resolution; calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information about the iniquitous contract under which Sanborn had been receiving 50 per cent of the dues collected, etc. Mr. Butler denied the paragraph untrue, and continued: I have felt it my duty, not for myself, because I am from-dad to these attacks, but to the House, the country, and the newspaper press, to make this explanation. If newspaper publishers have any sense of honor or propriety, they should know, authoritatively know, the idea that they pay for (pardon me; I will take that back), the stories that they pay to have put upon the wires every night. I assume that they do pay for them, and therefore, they publish them. Now, knowing it, we shall know whether they desire to disseminate true or false intelligence about Congress. I have no words of characterization of these stories that appear in great metropolitan journals. I am afraid that if I should designate them, as I think they ought to be designated, I should exceed the bounds of parliamentary propriety, and then I should be accused of blackguardism in the House. I suppose it is proper for one to get to use those words which our instructors of the press have told us is proper language to characterize a statement which was used by one whom they attempted to make President, and voted on their conduct for his good qualities, when he replied to a statement made by Lieut.-Gov. Raymond in the New York *Times*, "You lie! you villain! you lie!" [Laughter.]

THE ARMY BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Kellogg in the chair, on the Army Appropriation bill.

The fourth section of the bill requires that all claims for stores or supplies taken or furnished during the rebellion for the use of the army, including all such claims now pending and undetermined in any department of the Government, shall be presented before the 1st of November, 1874, to the Southern Claims Commission, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine them. All claims not presented by that day are to be barred. This section gave rise to a long discussion, and many amendments were offered to it, but the only amendments to it which were adopted were one offered by Mr. YOUNG, extending the time from November, 1874, to November, 1875, and one offered by E. R. HOAR, for the appointment of two additional Commissioners.

An amendment offered by Mr. SPEER was also adopted, after a long struggle, transferring to the Commissioners all evidence now on file with the Quartermaster-General and Commissary-General.

Mr. BECK moved a substitute for the section to transfer all these claims to the Court of Claims for adjudication, which was rejected.

Mr. COBB (Kan.) moved an additional section requiring the Secretary of War, when selecting railroad lines for the transportation of supplies, and when there are connecting lines, to consider the necessity of the Texas Pacific Railroads and their branches from which the Government obtains the amount charged for its business, so as much money saved to the Treasury.

Without disposing of the amendment, the Committee rose.

BANK INVESTIGATION.

Mr. BECK offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The First National Bank of this City of Washington, recently became insolvent, and is now in the hands of a Receiver in consequence, as is alleged, of lending to or placing in the control of a single firm the whole of its capital stock, as well as a large part of the money of its depositors, which is a palpable violation of the National Banking act; and

WHEREAS, Circumstances attending the failure of said bank, and the character of the management under which so gross a violation of law could have taken place, demand an investigation, to the end that remedies may be applied to guard against like frauds in the future; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency be and is hereby empowered to examine into the condition of said bank at the time of its failure, and into its prior transactions and general management, with power to send for persons and papers.

The House adjourned.

AGRICULTURAL.

Meeting of the Indiana State Board.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10.—The State Board of Agriculture went into session this morning; present, the full Board. The principal object of the meeting was to complete the details for the next State Fair and Exposition.

The first subject considered was the confirming the appointment made last evening by the guarantee of a committee of citizens to act in conjunction with the Executive Board in the management of the enterprise. The City Council and Board of Trade had refused to have anything whatever to do in the matter this year. The Board settled the difficulty by acknowledging the right of the guarantees to designate the Committee, the Council and Board of Trade having refused to make an appropriation.

Col. Dowling, of Terre Haute, offered the following:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted on Jan. 9 last, providing for a mode of operating the citizens of Indianapolis to aid in conducting the next Exposition, be, and the same is hereby, reported.

Resolved, That the management of the Exposition proper for the year 1874 be, and the same is hereby, confirmed in the committee of three members of this Board, together with the President and three citizens of Indianapolis, appointed by the guarantees to the exposition fund, viz: H. R. Allen, E. B. Martindale, and Charles A. Howland; that full power and authority is hereby conferred upon said Committee to take charge of all the matters pertaining to said Exposition proper; and, further, that the said H. R. Allen, E. B. Martindale, and Charles A. Howland shall each have a right to vote in all matters pertaining to the Exposition of 1874, the same as members of this Board, and that they shall receive the same compensation when on duty as members of this Board.

Adopted.

Col. Dowling submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to obtain from the Secretary and Treasurer a statement of the whole amount due from this Board to various claimants at the close of the Exposition of 1873, the nature of each claim, and for what purposes the debts have been contracted, and that said Committee report for the information of this Board at the present session.

Adopted.

Mr. Davidson offered the following:

Resolved, That the several entry-books in the live-stock department for 1874 should represent the same number of premiums in each department, and that the amount allotted to each book or stock department ought to be in accordance with the relative value that the several departments stand to the whole people.

Adopted.

A large portion of the day was devoted to arranging the premium-list. Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

SUICIDE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JOLIET, Feb. 10.—Dr. E. J. Barrett, aged about 45 years, living in Manhattan Township, this county, committed suicide this morning by hanging. He lived about seven miles from this city, and enjoyed an extensive practice. For the last few days he had been complaining of a trouble with his bowels. On last evening he was very uneasy, and, about 12 o'clock, left his bed. He took a lantern and went to his barn. He was watched by some of the family, and before the Coroner's jury to-day testimony was elicited to the effect that when he went to the barn he made the necessary preparations to meet the death he has. After going to the barn the first time he returned to the house and went to bed. He remained in bed but a few minutes, when he again went to the barn and committed the terrible crime. He was found about an hour after he left the house hanging by the neck in the barn. It is supposed that temporary insanity drove him to the deed. He was highly respected throughout the county, and leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss. A few years ago the deceased's father, at an advanced age, came to his death similarly within a few miles of the scene of the deceased's death.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Annual Meeting of the Northwestern Dairymen's Association.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 10.—The eighth annual meeting of the Northwestern Dairymen's Association began today at this place. This Association has steadily grown in numbers and importance, and now includes in its membership the leading dairymen of the Northwest, especially of Illinois and Wisconsin.

There was an informal session this afternoon, at which the preliminary business affairs were settled and some interesting scattering discussions held. The regular sessions commenced this evening at the Court-House. The Convention was welcomed to the hospitalities of Woodstock by W. H. Stewart, in an appropriate address, which was responded to by the President, S. Favill, of Lake Mills, Wis.

The President's annual address was then delivered. He began with complimenting the dairymen of the Northwest on a prosperous year. Eastern dairymen complain of drought and small product in 1873. We have done fairly in the quantity, quality, and price of dairy products. The panic alone prevented a higher average price than in 1872. It was shown that we can profitably ship our cheese direct to English markets. Our cheese and butter has successfully competed with the Eastern product in New York and Boston. The Dairy Boards of Trade in Illinois and Wisconsin have done much good. There has been a marked improvement in the quality of the goods produced, especially of butter. The number who produce first-class butter is yearly increasing. They need have little fear of overstocking the market for some time to come, although if all the butter produced was first-class the price would certainly fall.

Cheese-making has now reached a good degree of perfection. We should give more attention to butter-making in the conventions.

The dairyman is a public benefactor; increasing the fertility of the soil and helping supply mankind with cheap food. The food that will produce 1 pound of beef will produce 2½ pounds of cheese, and one pound of cheese has the nutritive value of two pounds of beef.

Dairying requires close attention and much labor; but his labor is often the farmer's greatest capital, and he should invest this to the best advantage. In grain growing he is idle during nearly half the year. In dairying he employs his labor throughout the year. No other branch of farming is so reliable as to prices. In four years cheese has not been below the cost of production. When it sold at 5 cents a pound it was profitable.

Dairying furnishes a partial solution to the vexed question of transportation. Farmers who complain of the high prices for shipping corn ought to think that corn is too bulky to ship far. It pays much better to ship cheese. As a rule, dairymen have complained little of railroads and monopolies, as they have done well.

A welcome was given the Patrons of Husbandry, and good results were expected, but mainly from their educational influence.

A resolution demanding attention is that of combined butter and cheese-making—of skimming milk for cheese-making. Another is the advisability of feeding grain to cows. As a rule, cows do best when they are fed best. Dairymen should raise their own cows, rather than buy from speculators. All should endeavor to secure the first quality and largest yield of product, and if this is done our dairy region will rank with any in the world, and our dairymen will succeed well financially.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary, G. E. Morrow, of Madison, Wis., presented his annual report. The association relies on its membership fees and some little advertising in published reports of transactions for funds. It does not receive State aid; is self-sustaining. The value of the annual reports is underestimated. If full statistics could be collected they would be much more valuable. Every factoryman and maker of cheese and butter for market should send in his name, post-office address, number of cows, and product of butter and cheese in 1873 to the Secretary.

Nothing would do more to insure the reputation of Northwestern dairy products than to have full statistics published to the world.

No equal number of farmers in the same regions in Illinois and Wisconsin have done so well in the last half dozen years as the dairyman. The profits in 1873 were satisfactory. The quality of the product was much improved. For many farmers butter-making now offers better prospects than cheese-making.

Dairymen have done wisely in looking for foreign markets when needed, but we should look first of all to our home, Western, Southern, and Northern markets. Building up these will be the best we can do, holding ourselves free to slip whenever we find best. Our cheese has its just reputation assigned it much more frequently now than formerly, and the same will be true of butter.

Boards of Trade and sale days in dairy centres should be encouraged by both buyers and sellers. The time will soon come when the dairy product dealers of Chicago can profitably form a separate Exchange.

The prospects for dairying in the Northwest were never brighter. There is a steady increase in the number of factories and dairies year by year. Special interest is now felt in Central Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. In the older regions butter-making is taking the place of cheese-making to some extent. Both can be widely extended. A much larger area is adapted to dairying than was supposed a few years. Wherever, in a healthful climate, grass and other food for cows can be grown at reasonable cost, dairying can be pursued with fair success.

The report referred to many of the yet unsettled questions of much importance to dairymen, and urged the importance of accumulating facts concerning them.

The meeting promises to be decidedly successful and more largely attended than any former one. Mr. Stewart's address of welcome was exceedingly appropriate. President Ecobs's annual address was received with the favor it deserved. Secretary Morrow's report was brief, but contained many important suggestions. To-morrow the general question of the adaptation of the Northwest to dairying, of the profits of the business, and the breeding, management, and feeding of cows will be discussed. To-morrow evening Prof. Burrill, of the Illinois Industrial University, will deliver an address on "Fungus Growths."

INDIAN OUTRAGES.

Murders Near Laramie—Raid on a Ranche.

FORT LARAMIE, Feb. 10.—A report came in at 8:30 last evening, by couriers, from a pack-train, that about 10 miles from the mill Lieut. Robinson and Corporal Coleman were surrounded by about forty Indians. A private named Noles was near by, and says the last men of Robinson was that he was leaning forward in his saddle until the Indians were very close, when he shot him. Robinson and the Corporal ran toward the mill. Noles ran toward the train, which was about 5 miles north of where the attack was made. His horse was shot and fell, but he rounded the remainder of the distance to the train under a shower of Indian balls. When within sight of the train the Indians left him. Castines left the mill about two hours after Robinson left there, which was an hour after the train had left, and overtook the party of Robinson, Coleman, or the Indians. Capt. Egan was ordered out immediately, with two companies of cavalry, but nothing is yet heard from him. The train arrived here at 9 p. m. to-day.

The Indians made a raid on a ranche yesterday, 9 miles from here, took one horse, and fired on a herder. It is expected that a general raid has been made on the Laramie.

Col. Bullock arrived at Fetterman yesterday, and says he saw a large party of Indians at the upper crossing of the Horse-Shoe, singing and dancing what seemed to be the scalp-dance.

Public Sentiment in Nebraska.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, Feb. 10.—There is intense feeling here at the outrageous condition of affairs in the Indian Bureau, which permits agents to withhold rations from the Indians on the plains. This drives them, through hunger, from their reservations, and several bands are now known to be wandering in search of plunder, west of Sidney, Neb. They threaten to enter the Republican Valley, a region fast filling with white settlements. A telegram was received by Gen. Ord, commanding the Department of the Platte, this morning, from the commanding officer at Sidney, saying that a ranchmen at Court-House Rock were driven 6 miles last night by a party of Indians. Gen. Ord has sent two bodies of cavalry, provisioned for six days, to scour that section, and drive the Indians north of the Platte. The Omaha *Herald* will to-morrow urge the holding of mass-meetings in this city and at all towns westward, to impress upon Congress the necessity of placing Indian affairs in the hands of the army.

Official Dispatches from Sidney.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 10.—The excitement over the Indian news is becoming very great. There is no doubt that in consequence of the failure of Agents to provide for them the Indians are leaving their reservations for the purpose of providing themselves at the expense of the settlers, herders, and ranchmen. The following is an official dispatch received to-day by Gen. Ruggles from the commandant at Sidney, Neb.:

"Wheeler and Merchant, reliable ranchmen, state that a party of Indians drove them six miles last night. They abandoned their herd and came to Sidney. Their ranche is near Court-House Rock. Am I authorized to send cavalry to drive these Indians across the Platte? No news from Morton's party."

The commanding officer at Sidney was directed by telegraph to send out all his available cavalry to Lauren's Fork as far as Beddington's ranche. Gen. Reynolds, commanding at Fort D. A. Russell, has been instructed by telegraph to send out two cavalry companies under reliable officers to the same place, them to thoroughly scout the country and drive raiding bands within reach of the north fork of the Platte River; to take six days' cooked provisions and sixty rounds of ammunition to each man.

FINANCIAL.

A Heavy Failure at Niles, Ohio.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 10.—James Ward, proprietor of the Falcon Iron Works, at Niles, one of the heaviest and oldest iron establishments in the Mahoning Valley, has failed, with liabilities to a large amount. The loss falls heavily upon banks and various pig-iron manufacturers in this section. It is also understood that Greenebaum & Co., of Chicago, will lose a large amount. No statement of the affairs of the firm has yet been made.

OCEAN-STEAMSHIP NEWS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Arrived—Steamship Habsburg, from Bremen; Wisconsin, from Liverpool.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—Arrived—Steamship Albottsford, from Liverpool.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Arrived—Steamer Oceanic, from Liverpool.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

Brief Report of Yesterday's Proceedings.

Report of a Committee on the Subject of Patents and Patentees.

Congress Memorialized to Restrict Protection to a Term of Five Years.

Resolution Favoring a Territorial Government for the Indian Territory.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10.—The proceedings of the National Grange to-day have not been of great importance. Although it was yesterday resolved to have three sessions a day in future, only two have been held, the evening having been given up to the business of a few Committees and to pleasure. The Executive Committee has furnished its customary abstract to the press, and it is unusually lean.

At the opening of the morning session Master Taylor, of South Carolina, presented the report of the Committee on

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee cordially indorse the intention of the resolutions offered by Mr. Aiken, as to asking Congress to restrict the time and royalty allowed to patentees, and recommend that seven years be fixed for the patentees to enjoy the sole benefit of the patent, and that they be allowed 25 per cent upon the cost of production.

PATENT LAWS.

The following resolution accompanied the report:

Resolved, That the Master and executive Committee of the National Grange be and are hereby appointed a Committee, with instructions to memorialize Congress, at as early a day as is practicable, on the subject of Patent laws, and ask that body to restrict protection to a maximum limit of five years, with a proviso of renewal based upon a profit of 25 per cent above the cost of production.

TRANSPORTATIONS.

Brother Grosh, on behalf of the Committee on Masters and Lecturers' Addresses, reported recommending the adoption of the lecturer's suggestions.

TRANSPORTATION.

The following communication was received:

Grand-Master Adams and Gentlemen of the National Grange:

I have been requested by members of the National Board of Trade and of Congress to call your attention to the bill establishing Territorial Government over the so-called Indian Territory, and to ask that the bill may receive the approbation of your earnest consideration.

(Signed) JOHN J. MARTIN.

Your Committee have taken under consideration the request of brother Martin, in reference to a bill now before Congress in regard to establishing a Territorial Government over the so-called Indian Territory, and beg to be excused from further consideration of the matter, as they have no knowledge of the bill.

CLAIMS.

Several trivial claims were approved by the Committee having the matter in charge, and ordered to be paid.

Master Ireland was added to the Committee on Ritual.

CROP STATISTICS.

A partial report in regard to crop statistics, presented by the Committee on Good of the Order, was approved at the afternoon session. Master Hinkley, of New York, was granted leave of absence, and will return home at once.

THE CENTENNIAL.

Master Adams appointed as the Committee on Centennial Celebration Messrs. Saunders, of Washington; Chase, of Alabama; Hinman, of Kentucky; Wright, of California; Chase, of New Hampshire; Brown, of Michigan; and Davis, of Kentucky.

Pending the consideration of the constitutional amendment, the Grange, at 6 o'clock p. m., adjourned for the day. The adoption of the report on the constitution and by-laws is not final, as all amendments will have to be approved by the State Granges.

THE SIAMESE TWINS.

Arrangements for the Autopsy of the Remains.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—A full meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was held at their hall, Thirteenth and Locust streets, about 10 o'clock last night, to make arrangements for the autopsy of the remains of the Siamese Twins. The bodies were reported to be in a good state of preservation, having been injected with chloride of zinc. A statement was made by Dr. Pancoast of his trip to North Carolina, and a vote of thanks was tendered to him and the physicians who accompanied him for the satisfactory results of their trip. It was stated that $350 had been appropriated to pay the expenses of the trip, and $300 additional were voted to pay the personal expenses of the Committee on their last journey. The subject of the autopsy was referred to a committee from Mutter Museum, consisting of Drs. John Rodman Paine, William Hunt, and S. Weir Mitchell, in conjunction with Drs. Allen and Pancoast.

Dr. Hollingsworth, of Mount Airy, physician of the twins, read a letter from the legal adviser of the family. The document laid great stress upon the agreement which Pancoast and his colleagues entered into before the dissection of the ligament, or cut the connecting band in front, but in the back, so as not to mar the perfect formation of the ligament, as such would interfere with the public exhibition of the bodies, which is the relative purpose making after the autopsy has been held. The letter also instructs the College that the utmost precaution must be taken to preserve the bodies by embalming, else Dr. Pancoast and his colleagues forfeit $100,000.

The College, then agreed to accept full responsibility. The only persons present at the final examination will be medical men, some of the most eminent of whom have been invited from all parts of the country and from England. The coffins were opened to-day in the presence of the above-named Committee, and it was determined to immediately re-embalm the bodies. A full report of the investigation made will be given before the readers of THE TRIBUNE during the ensuing week.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Decision in Michigan Concerning High Schools.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 10.—THE TRIBUNE of Jan. 30 contained a special telegraphic statement of a suit brought in the Kalamazoo Circuit Court by the Hon. Charles E. Stuart, T. P. Sheldon, and Henry Breese, praying for an injunction to restrain the Board of Education of Kalamazoo from collecting taxes to support the High School in that city. Several of the most lawyers of Kalamazoo appeared for the complainants and Attorney-General Dwight May and the most prominent lawyer of Grand Rapids for the defense. Complainants argued that in graded schools, under the laws of Michigan, nothing but English and the elementary branches can be taught unless paid for at rate bills by the pupils using such advantages, and that schools in which ancient or modern languages, except English, are taught cannot lawfully be maintained by tax. Defense showed that there is nothing in the laws of Michigan restricting branches of study in primary schools, and contended that graded or high schools are simply matters of convenience, adopted on account of a large number of pupils, and, therefore, governed by the same law without reference to the course of study to be pursued in either graded or primary schools. Elaborate arguments were made by Sherwood, Hawes, and Severance for the complainants, and by Dwight, May, and Hughes for the Board of Education. Judge Brown's decision has been looked for with much interest throughout this State, many considering it a test whether high schools, supported by taxation, are a legal institution in Michigan. The Judge's decision is, substantially, that special acts of the Legislature, when construed in connection with the general law, authorize the establishment of high schools, and their maintenance by tax upon property, and that none of said statutes violate any provision of the constitution. Decree was thereupon entered dismissing the bill.

The Macoupin County Supervisors.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—Judge Drummond is expected to arrive here to-morrow and take his seat with Judge Treat in the United States Court. Soon thereafter, it is said, the Macoupin Supervisors will be summoned to appear at the bar of the Court to receive the judgment to-day agreed upon by the Court, which is to go to jail or make the levy in accordance with the order heretofore made.

Injunction Regarding the Grab-Tax.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JOLIET, Feb. 10.—Judge McRoberts this morning granted an injunction in the case of the Board of Supervisors of Will County against the County Treasurer, to enjoin the payment of the Braidwood Grab-Tax into the State Treasury. The event of the injunction standing against the legality of the Grab-law before the Supreme Court, our county will be saved about $12,000 this year.

Verdict for Defendants in the Pekin Distillery Cases.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 10.—In the second case of the United States v. D. T. Thompson and others, the jury were out about an hour, this afternoon, and then returned a verdict for defendants. This was a little surprising, as the evidence was thought to be almost conclusive that the parties owed, if not all, the greater part, of the amount claimed. The case was the most important of all the Pekin distillery cases. The amount involved, with interest, was about $40,000. The distillers, however, were enabled—by first causing, it is believed, their original bond to be stolen, and then the abstracts which had been made of them—to make it difficult for the Government to fasten any liability upon them, and they have now escaped payment of penalties no doubt justly due the Government. How much they paid to secure this end will never be known, unless the thief, when he comes to die, shall report and make a clean breast of it. One thing is, however, settled in the trial of these cases, and that is, that Smith, without reference to his guilt, has chosen to identify himself with the distillers as against the Government, both by consorting with them and by his evidence. What effect this will have upon his trial cannot be determined.

Heavy Damages Awarded an Expelled Odd Fellow.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 10.—In the Supreme Court of Cleveland a jury to-day rendered a verdict of $10,000 damages in behalf of Edward W. Lyle, a member of Cuyahoga Odd Fellows' Lodge No. 22. The lodge expelled Lyle and issued a circular pronouncing him an imposter, dead-beat, &c. This circular, containing Lyle's portrait, was sent to all other Odd Fellows' lodges, and thereby secured his practical expulsion from that Order. For this Lyle brought suit, with the result above stated. The case is remarkable from being entirely without precedent in American or English law.

Libel Suit Dismissed.

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 10.—The suit of Warren S. Pate, of Kentucky, against the *Journal*, of this city, for libel, was dismissed, in the United States Court, today. The plaintiff's attorneys had withdrawn from the case, and the surety for costs asked to be released. The plaintiff failing to file a new bond, the case was dismissed at his cost.

Judgment Confirmed.

OMAHA, Feb. 10.—The verdict of the Circuit Court, rendered about a year ago, awarding $7,500 damages to a boy named Stout, who was seriously injured while playing on a turn-table in the Sioux City yards, at Blair, has been confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

FOREIGN.

The Conservatives Continue Their Gains in the English Elections.

The Spanish Government Consents to Exchange Prisoners with the Carlists.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Twenty-seven members of the new Parliament were chosen yesterday, making the total elected 536—283 Conservatives and 253 Liberals and Home-Rulers. Conservatives have been returned for eighty seats occupied by Liberals in the last Parliament, and Liberals have replaced twenty Conservatives. The number of members returned from Ireland up to this morning is fifty-five—thirty-one Home-Rulers, sixteen Conservatives, and eight Liberals.

It is announced that a reconciliation has been effected between Disraeli and the Marquis of Salisbury and the Earl of Carnarvon, and that the Marquis and Earl have consented to assist Disraeli to form his Ministry.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Disraeli delivered an address at Buckingham this evening. He congratulated his constituents on the result of the elections, which he declared justified the policy of the Conservative party in introducing and carrying a reform law when last it held power.

LONDON, Feb. 11, 6 a. m.—So far 254 Conservatives and 180 Liberals have been returned to the House from England: 15 Conservatives and 36 Liberals from Scotland, and 31 Conservatives and 44 Liberals and Home-Rulers from Ireland.

There was much rioting at Chesterfield and Barnsley yesterday, and many policemen were injured.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—On the eve of the departure of M. Berthold, the new French Minister to Washington, Thiers entertained him at a banquet.

The *Patrie* says sharply-worded notes have recently been exchanged between the Governments of Germany and the United States. The subject of the correspondence is not stated.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—A heavy gale has prevailed in the lower Baltic, and caused a partial inundation of Kiel and Swinemunde. The latest dispatches state that the storm has abated and the waters are subsiding.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Feb. 10.—The *Vaterland* newspaper, of this city, has been suppressed.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Feb. 10.—The *Imparcial* says the Government has agreed to an exchange of prisoners with the Carlists.

CRIME.

Larceny by a Pardoned Convict—A Clerical Thief.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 10.—J. K. Bear, who, some four years since, while acting as telegraph operator and express agent at Brownsville, Nebr., ran off with several thousand dollars of his employer's money, has turned up again as a robber. Under the name of Colton, he has been serving the Illinois Central at Waverly, Iowa, as station agent and telegraph operator. Some days since he escaped with several thousand dollars of the Company's money. For his offense at Brownsville, Neb., he was arrested in the State of Oregon, and brought back and sent to the Nebraska Penitentiary, but after a few months was pardoned out. Subsequently, he was arrested at Waverly, but did better at Brownsville. He is about 30 years old, and very plausible. He once lived in this city.

A self-styled Rev. Mr. Banks, claiming to be a nephew of Gen. N. P. Banks, who has been assisting revival meetings in this city within the last few days, was to-day lodged in jail for stealing a suit of clothes.

New York Criminal Items.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—John E. Simmons was arraigned to-day, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, for the killing of Nicholas W. Duryea, in December, 1872. Some time previous to the killing, Duryea and Simmons had been in the policy business together, but, pending dissolution, a difficulty occurred, the dissolution was agreed upon, and they each went into the policy business separately.

Highway Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—William Johnson, colored, was arrested this afternoon near East St. Louis for attempting and robbing a German farmer named Paul, near French Village, a few miles from East St. Louis. Paul lives in the vicinity of Centralia, Ill., and was riding along the road on horseback when Johnson attacked him with a club, and fractured his skull so badly that he cannot live.

Murder Trial in Maine.

LEWISTON, Me., Feb. 10.—The trial of James M. Lowell, for the murder of his wife on June 12, 1870, was begun this morning, in the Supreme Court, at Auburn. The deed was brought to light by the discovery of a headless skeleton in the woods, about three miles from this city, in October last.

Wife-Murder in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10.—Edward P. Robinson, colored janitor of the building 1351 Washington avenue, occupied as the office of the United States Engineers, shot and killed his wife this morning. The shooting was the result of a family quarrel, and Robinson, who surrendered himself to the officers some hours after the act, says his wife first assaulted him with a knife.

A Defaulting Government Clerk Arrested.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 10.—Henry, defaulting clerk in the Lynchburg Internal Revenue Office, has been arrested, and over $14,000 secured.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10.—George M. Carson, United States Custom-House Inspector, on trial for the murder of Charles C. Graner, in August last, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Movement to Bring Ex-Senator Pomeroy to Trial.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 10.—The House of Representatives, to-day, by a vote of 57 to 26, passed a resolution requesting the County Attorney to take steps for bringing ex-Senator Pomeroy to trial.

FIRES.

At Bethlehem, Pa.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 10.—Hildenberger's new Opera-House was burned early this morning. The loss is $50,000; insurance, $20,000.

At Hudson, Wis.

HUDSON, Wis., Feb. 10.—The Lake House, owned by William Ryan, was burned yesterday at 2 o'clock. The furniture was all saved. The house was insured for $1,500, in the Brewers', of Milwaukee. The loss is covered by insurance.

At Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 10.—A fire broke out at 1 o'clock this morning in the mattress factory in the rear of Coyce's sale stable. Both were destroyed. The Planters' Insurance Company's building is now on fire, but the firemen will probably be able to control it.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 10.—The entire loss by the fire to-day will not exceed $5,000 or $6,000. Fully covered by insurance.

At Neenah, Wis.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Feb. 10.—A fire at Neenah last night destroyed the old Government Flouring Mills, owned by Davis & Cunningham, and Sherry's sawmill. Loss on flouring-mill, $12,000; on saw-mill, $4,000. Smith & Vanostrand's paper-mill had a narrow escape.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.—A certificate of organization has been issued to the American Cordage Company of Springfield; capital stock, $100,000. The officers of this Company are: President, Gen. Chauncey L. Lippincott; Treasurer, Alexander Starns; Secretary, James H. McConnell.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

The Railroad Tax Question in the Wisconsin Legislature.

A Sweeping Railroad Bill Introduced in the Iowa Legislature.

The Iowa Agricultural College Investigation Becoming Interesting.

WISCONSIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 10.—The railroad taxation question excited the chief interest in the Legislature to-day.

RAILWAY TAXATION.

When the Assembly went into Committee of the Whole, at 11 o'clock a. m., the first bill that came up was Mr. Caswell's, to increase the license fee on gross earnings of railroads. The bill proposed 3 per cent instead of 2. As the Committee on Railroads, which had the bill in charge, recommended substituting 4 per cent, Speaker Bouck moved to substitute 5 per cent for their amendment. On this there was an animated discussion, without much argument or presentation of facts or figures, but chiefly defining of positions as to whether it was best to take up this matter at once, or combine all legislation in reference to railroad matters in one bill—Speaker Bouck leading in favor of the first view, and Mr. Sawyer in favor of the latter. Messrs. Caswell, Reid, Winans, McGrew, Hubbard, and Rankin favored action now, holding that a maximum tariff bill could follow. Mr. Evans moved to lay the bill aside, which was lost by a large majority. For raising the tax to 5 per cent, Mr. Caswell made the most elaborate argument, and was strongly supported by Messrs. Bouck, McCaul, McIver, Evans, and Silverthorn, who claimed that railroads now paid much less than their proportion of taxes. Messrs. Bingham and Cary led the fight against the Speaker's amendment, and thought 4 per cent abundantly high, claiming that such high taxation would be most discouraging to railroad enterprises in the new part of the State. Messrs. Reid, McDonald, West, Read, Larkin, and others, took a similar view, several of them declaring in favor of taxing railroad property as other property, so that localities where the bulk of it was situated would be benefited thereby. The 5 per cent proposition was adopted in the Committee, and the Assembly concurred in that amendment, by a vote of 74 to 18.

The same amendment offered by Mr. Martin, to confine the operation of the bill to roads which have been in operation only five years or more, was lost, and the bill ordered engrossed by a vote of 72 to 20, the ayes being as follows: Beach, Bingham, Bodden, Carey, Clements, Comstock, Dodge, Field, Fowler, Hudson, Kingston, Larkin, McDonald, Parsons, Reed, Richards, Semmann, Voegel, West, Wolf, and Zimmermann. Other Assembly business was as follows:

Bills were introduced to amend the Revised Statutes relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, which were presented against the repeal or modification of the Graham Liquor law; also against changing the line for the Wisconsin Central Railroad, between Portage and Stevens Point; also petitions for a prohibitory liquor law.

Speaker Bouck presented a memorial to Congress for a United States Court-House and Post-Office in Oshkosh.

The use of the Assembly Chamber was granted this afternoon for an argument on the railroad bills, and Thursday evening for the delivery of the Sovereign's annual message.

The Senate resolution, giving the Committee till Feb. 17 to report bills, was amended so as to restrict its action to the Commerce, Transportation, Finance, and Ways and Means, and then referred to the latter Committee.

Senate bills were concurred in submitting to the people an amendment to the Constitution restricting the amount of indebtedness to 5 per cent on the value of taxable property; to prevent depositing poison in lands.

The Senate was ordered to a third reading for depositing public funds in banks was reconsidered, and an amendment adopted that if, on demand of the State Treasurer, the banks failed to pay within ten days of the demand made he should sell securities. The bill was ordered printed and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SENATE.

An Assembly resolution for printing 3,000 copies of R. D. Hargrave's address before the Agricultural Convention, two resolutions for extra copies of the Legislative Manual, a bill to amend the act relating to indictments by information, and altogether to do away with grand juries, to amend the revised statutes relating to permanent landmarks, and the bill to repeal an act relating to attorneys' fees in Justices' Courts were indefinitely postponed.

After a sharp debate, the bill fixing the salary of the Assistant Attorney-General at $1,200 at present is re-Congressman I. C. Sloan, brother of Attorney-General Scott Sloan, at $1,200 was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 13 to 12.

The bill to locate a division of Marathon County and erection of Taylor County was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

IOWA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 10.—In the House, to-day, Mr. Peet's bill for the reduction of the sala